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A final farewell Pullout
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**ROYAL
WATCH**
William and
Harry with
their cousins
last night

GRANNY'S GUARD OF HONOUR

Grandchildren pay tribute to Queen in silent vigil



FAMILY DUTY Cousins hold a vigil beside the Queen's coffin

QUEEN ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022



BY RUSSELL MYERS
ROYAL EDITOR

HEAD bowed and hands clasped in white gloves, Prince William leads the Queen's eight grandchildren as they stand in silent and solemn vigil last night.

The moving tribute saw William, 40, and brother Harry march in slow tandem into Westminster Hall in Blues and Royals No1 uniforms.

Their cousins, in black, followed as members of the public who had queued for hours watched on.

King Charles asked the eight to come together for the unique event – mirroring the vigil he and his siblings conducted the night before.

At 6pm yesterday, the duty officer struck the floor three times to signal the arrival of the royals. With impeccable timing, they stepped forward, as one, to take their positions. William's blue garter sash denoted his rank in the family.

Harry, 38 last Thursday, stood ramrod straight – his eyes shielded by the peak of his cap.

He was given dispensation by the King to wear his uniform as a "mark of respect for the Queen".

Harry served in Afghanistan but gave up his titles when he stepped aside from royal life.

At the 15-minute tribute were Prince Andrew's daughters Princesses Beatrice, 34, and Eugenie, 32; Princess Anne's children Zara Tindall, 41, and Peter Phillips, 44; and Lady Louise Windsor, 18, and James, Viscount Severn, 14 – Prince Edward's children.

PRIDE

Peter and James wore morning suits. Zara, Beatrice, Eugenie and Louise were in black dresses and each wore a black hair band.

Edward and wife Sophie, who earlier thanked well-wishers at Buckingham Palace, watched on.

Mourners spoke of their astonishment and pride at being in the same room as the royals. Ex-marine Stewart Putland, 59, from Newton Abbot, Devon, said: "Harry looked very dutiful. He was Captain General of the Royal Marines and some of what has been stripped from him has been harsh."

Couture hat maker Ian Bennett, 51, from South London, added: "Harry looked great in his uniform, but he was very sombre. I queued for 11 hours yesterday and went again today and I cried both times."

Student Rahma Jrad, 24, from Marylebone, central London, said: "It was nice to see Harry and William united as brothers."

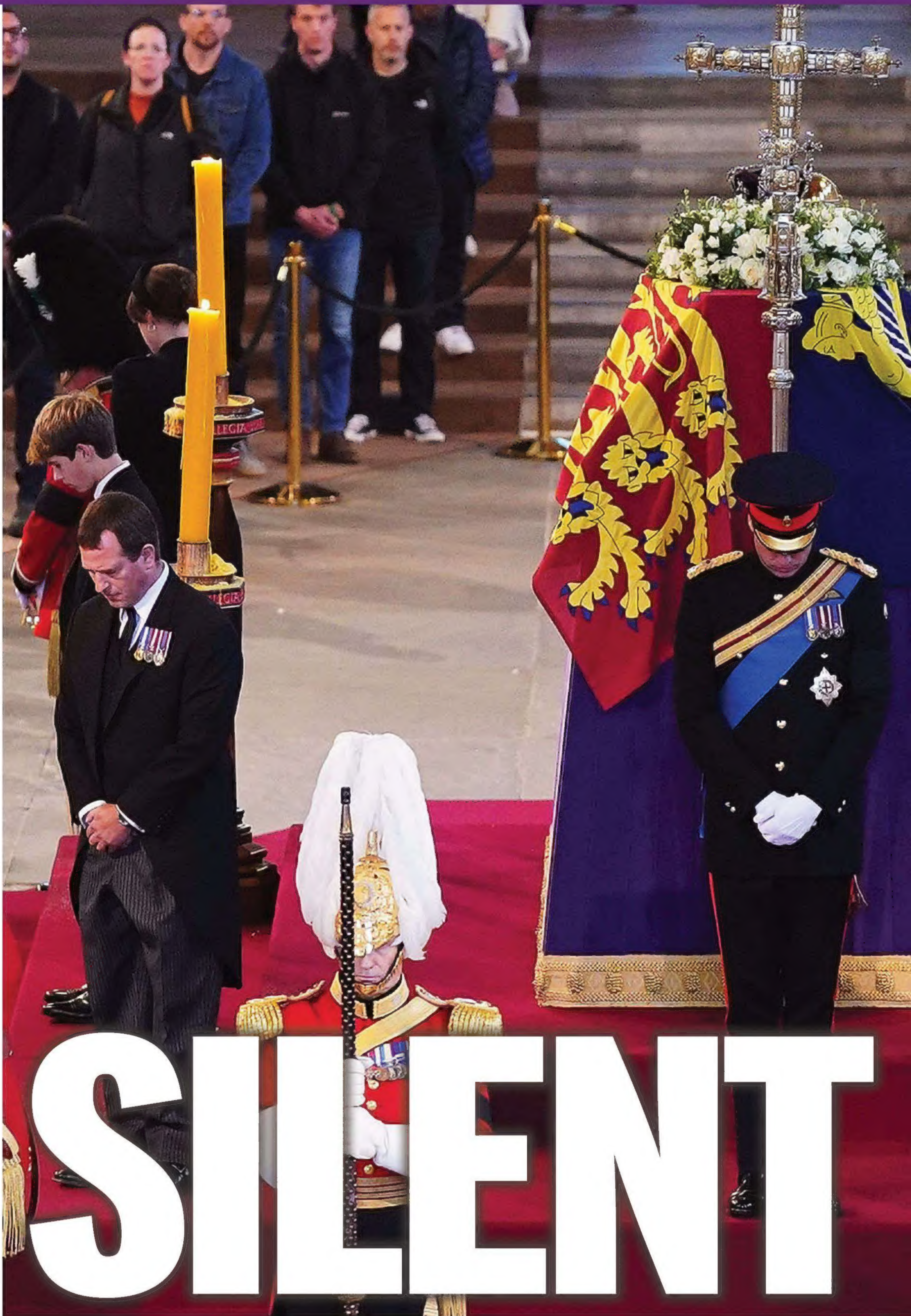
Louise Valentine, 38, from Warwick, added: "You could see the sadness in Harry's eyes."

The vigil came after a packed day which saw the King and William mingle with queuing mourners.

Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie paid a tribute, saying: "It has been the honour of our lives to have been your granddaughters".

The Queen's funeral is at Westminster Abbey at 11am tomorrow. She will be taken to Windsor to be laid to rest with her beloved late husband Prince Philip.

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SILENT

SURROUNDED BY LOVE



FOR LOVE OF GRAN
William at head of coffin flanked by his cousins



REVERENCE Harry, in full military uniform, takes up a position at foot of the coffin



HUSHED Harry, left, and William enter Hall



GRIEF Zara, Lady Louise and Beatrice



UNITED William and Harry lead cousins down steps into Hall

VIGIL

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BY **RUSSELL MYERS**
ROYAL EDITOR

CAMILLA touchingly paid tribute to the Queen's "wonderful blue eyes and unforgettable smile" in her first official tribute.

The Queen Consort shared her heart-felt memories for a programme to be seen by millions on BBC1 tonight.

She hailed the Queen for her achievements and adulation around the world, despite it being "so difficult" as a "solitary woman" in an age of powerful men.

King Charles' wife became a trusted confidante to Her Majesty after battling back to mend a public reputation which once saw her labelled a "dark force".

She faced unprecedented criticism for her affair with Charles as his marriage to Princess Diana broke down.

Camilla's salute, recorded within the past three months, features in a tribute being aired immediately before the two minute silence at 8pm.

She tells the programme: "She's been part of our lives for ever. I'm 75 now and I can't remember anyone except the Queen being there."

"It must have been so difficult for her being a solitary woman."

"There weren't women prime ministers or presidents... she was the only one so I think she carved her own role."

In a touching reference to her own personal memories, Camilla said: "She's got those wonderful blue eyes that when she smiles, they light up her whole face."

PLAUDITS

"I will always remember her smile. That smile is unforgettable."

The Queen and Camilla once endured a tense relationship.

Her Majesty refused to discuss her existence with Charles during his period of infidelity.

But Camilla won plaudits through her campaigning work for good causes.

A royal source said: "Camilla has gone through an incredible transformation. It's not been without its dark days."

"She has worked hard and got to a place where she feels comfortable in her own skin and able to show her personality, which has been a big journey."

Over the years, Her Majesty grew fond of Camilla and announced in February that it was her "sincere wish" that she become Queen Consort.

Charles and Camilla met at a polo match in Windsor Great Park in 1972.

But their blossoming romance was scuppered when Charles was sent away with the Navy for eight months. Camilla wed Army officer Andrew Parker Bowles and, in 1981, Charles married Diana.

When the royal union faltered, the prince rekindled his romance with Camilla – famously referred to by Di as the "third person" in the marriage.

After Diana's 1997 death, Camilla faced a backlash and she and Charles were not seen together in public until 1999.

They went on to turn the tide of public opinion and wed in 2005. Since then, Camilla has been warmly accepted into the Royal Family and has been a huge support to Charles.

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**A WOMAN OF
SUBSTANCE**

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Her smile lit up her face... I will never forget it

QUEEN CONSORT CAMILLA'S TRIBUTE TO THE QUEEN



WARMTH Chatting to Kate, the new Princess of Wales yesterday

FAMILY TRIBUTES



ROYAL BLUES
Queen had
vivid eyes,
says Camilla



LOVE Queen's granddaughters shared old family photo online

We are happy you are back with Grandpa

BY **RUSSELL MYERS**
Royal Editor

PRINCESSES Beatrice and Eugenie last night revealed their love for their "dearest Grannie" - and said they were happy she was now back with their late "Grandpa".

In a shared statement, the sisters thanked Her Majesty for "making us laugh, for including us, for picking heather and raspberries, for marching soldiers, for our teas, for comfort, for joy".

Beatrice, 34, and Eugenie, 32, said they missed the Queen "terribly" and added: "We, like many, thought you'd be here for ever."

On Eugenie's Instagram page, the sisters wrote: "Our dearest Grannie, we've not been able to put much into words since you left us all."

HONOUR

"There have been tears and laughter, silences and chatter, hugs and loneliness and a collective loss for you, our beloved Queen and our beloved Grannie."

"We, like many, thought you'd be here for ever. And we all miss you terribly."

"You were our matriarch, our guide, our loving hand on our backs leading us through this world."

"You taught us so much and we will cherish those lessons and memories for ever."

Prince Andrew's daughters added: "For now dear Grannie, all we want to say is 'Thank you'. You, being you, will never know the impact you have had on our family and so many people around the world."

"We're so happy you're back with Grandpa."

"Goodbye, dear Grannie. It has been the honour of our lives to have been your granddaughters and we're so very proud of you."

"We know that dear Uncle Charles, the King, will continue to lead in your example as he, too, has dedicated his life to service."

The sisters ended the post with the words: "God Save the King. With our love, Beatrice and Eugenie."



RESPECT
Camilla and the Queen



CLOSE Monarch with Eugenie and Beatrice in 2010

QUEEN ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022



WALKABOUT William chats to mourners

BY **RUSSELL MYERS** Royal Editor
and **AMY SHARPE**

IT was a double act the likes of which has never been seen before... the new King and the Prince of Wales teaming up to chat to weary mourners who had queued through the cold night.

Charles and William appeared on an impromptu walkabout on Lambeth Bridge yesterday and were greeted by spontaneous screams of "We love you" and "God Save the King".

The new monarch also visited a Met police station to thank officers for their work ahead of tomorrow's funeral.

In the queue, Yela Alvarado, clutching a Paddington Bear brought from her native Peru, wept as she met Charles.

"I was so emotional I couldn't talk," said Yela, 62. "When King Charles saw Paddington, he said, 'How marvellous'."

Her sister Yoshi Bunce, an NHS nurse who lives in Epsom, Surrey, added: "Prince William saw the bear and said, 'Well, that's Christmas sorted!'"

The Prince of Wales was by his father's side at the historic Accession Council last weekend, with further plans for them to collaborate on major projects together.

One royal source said: "It's no coincidence we are seeing the King and Prince of Wales are taking on these duties together. This is a blueprint for the future."

LAUGHTER

As the pair made their way down the queue, one schoolboy said to Aston Villa fan William, "Scrappy game from Villa last night" after the side won 1-0 against Southampton. William, president of the Football Association, replied: "Yes, it wasn't the greatest."

The soccer-mad heir then had a family from Manchester cracking up when he joked: "You don't still support Manchester United do you?"

Charles and William thanked those who had been waiting through the night, with the Prince of Wales telling eight-year-old Poppy-Ann Brown: "Keep going! You're over halfway."

As the king made his way down the queue one cheeky fan even offered him a pen – to the delight of the monarch, who had been caught getting frustrated with a leaky fountain pen during a ceremony in Northern Ireland earlier in the week.

Meanwhile, the Earl and Countess of Wessex met mourners outside Buckingham Palace. Prince Edward said: "I know that my mother would really appreciate this fantastic support."

On his visit to a South London police station, Charles thanked those involved in the security planning, telling them: "You've done a remarkable job."

A senior palace source said: "The King is maintaining an exceptionally busy schedule but is keen to meet as many people as possible after the incredible outpouring of emotion, love and respect."

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TWO OF A KIND Father and son work the crowds



GRATEFUL Charles thanks police planning security for the funeral

Have you Met the new royal double act?

King thanks cops and visits queuing mourners with Wills

LINE OF DUTY

MAN OF PEOPLE
Prince William
cheers up the
weary queuers

Picture: PHIL NOBLE/REUTERS



LIGHT TOUCH
Charles shakes
well-wisher's hand



WARM William keeps the crowds smiling



GREETINGS Sophie
and Edward on The
Mall yesterday

VOICE OF THE

SUNDAY **Mirror**

She'd want us to move ahead now

It has been a long goodbye, but at 7.30pm tomorrow we say a final farewell to the only monarch most of us have ever known. And as the curtain drops on the Elizabethan Age, we must brace ourselves for the one about to begin.

King Charles promises to be a worthy successor to his mother, though he must worry over his ability to bond with the nation in quite the way she did.

Ever since the Queen's death was announced 10 days ago, the outside world barely got a look-in as we wrapped ourselves in our grief and counted the cost of what we have lost.

But the Queen would have been the first to say we should not dwell on the past, and this most progressive of monarchs would want us to now turn our faces to the future.

The King has made a solemn pledge not to meddle in politics, but independence movements bubbling up at home and abroad are issues he cannot ignore. He reigns over a UK in danger of fracturing, and presides over a Commonwealth in which some members may not want him as Head of State.

CHOICE

This newspaper believes in self-determination. It is up to individual countries and their peoples to make that choice in a democratic way, and we trust the King will respect that.

Once the official period of mourning is over tomorrow we must turn to issues no less pressing while our attention has been elsewhere.

There are hopeful signs that the war in Ukraine is entering its endgame. But as President Zelensky told British MPs, the next 90 days are critical.

We must give him the support he needs – moral, military and economic – to win back his country and rebuild it.

Liz Truss can make Britain's unwavering commitment clear at the UN this week where Russia will be listening. And on her return from New York, she must knuckle down and sort out the cost-of-living crisis.

Her opportunity is the emergency budget on Friday, which must go further than tax cuts for the wealthy and more bunc for bankers.

Her plan for lower-income families to transfer personal tax allowances between partners would give them a much-needed £2,500 boost and should be introduced sooner not later.

King Charles says he worries how struggling families will cope this winter. That is not political interference but an observation of the obvious. Ms Truss should be concerned too.

The Queen did not just set an example to her son, but to the 14 prime ministers who passed through her reign.

She died before she could give the benefit of her wisdom to her 15th, Ms Truss.

As our nation turns a new chapter in her long history, we look forward to a kinder, more caring Britain. And it is now Ms Truss's mission to deliver it.

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ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022



PINNED Westminister Hall arrest

Coffin lunge man is held

A MAN who rushed out of the queue and grabbed the Queen's coffin was in custody last night.

Witnesses claimed the man had been behaving strangely before he lunged towards the casket at around 10pm on Friday. He was tackled by police and the live TV feed was cut.

Mourner Jon Williams said: "He got to the coffin and seemed to lift up the flag. People were in shock."

Police said a man had been arrested on suspicion of a public order offence.

Meanwhile, Adio Adeshine, 19, of Walworth, South London, appeared at Westminister magistrates court on Friday accused of sexually assaulting two women in the queue on Wednesday. He was remanded in custody until October 14.



CHIMES Ron strikes bell in 1952

Memories of grief for king

PATRIOTIC pensioners who are mourning a second monarch told yesterday how grief for the Queen brought back memories of 70 years ago.

Retired clockmaker Ron Whitty, 92, manually struck Big Ben 56 times during King George VI's funeral on February 15, 1952 – a chime to mark each year of his life.

"I was very proud to be asked," he said.

Janet Edwards, 82, of Farnham, Surrey, recalled: "A few neighbours gathered to view the funeral service on a tiny television."

Clare, 83, and Bryan Urry, 84, of Maldon, Essex, talked of a "deep sense of national mourning". And Gwil Hitchcock, 79, of Mere, Wilts, said: "I was very upset when he died."

Proud to be in the world's longest queue

Sleepless fans tell of love for Queen

BY **PATRICK HILL** and **LAURA CONNOR**

OLD and young, they came from near and far to join the world's longest queue.

Some 350,000 are expected by tomorrow morning – their one simple aim to say goodbye to the monarch they adored.

Mourners, including thousands jetting in from around the world, continued to join the slow pilgrimage last night despite official warnings not to travel and waiting times of up to 24 hours.

Newcomers are expected to be turned away at some point this afternoon so everyone can get to Westminister Hall by 6.30am tomorrow when the Queen's lying-in-state closes to the public.

The Department of Culture has not yet decided the exact cut-off

point. A source added: "We are monitoring numbers closely. Some people will unfortunately miss out."

The numbers solemnly passing through Westminister Hall are a secret but there are 20,000 in the queue at any one time.

The length of the line to Southwark Park can reach up to 10 miles including zig zags.

But that did not deter royal fans like Deborah Alter, 62, who flew from New York to pay her respects.

She said: "When I told my daughter I was flying here she said, 'You're crazy!', but I told her 'I've got to go!' "The Queen brought people together. I just loved her. She was one heck of a lady." Deborah

admitted she wept when she finally reached the coffin shortly after 11am yesterday.

She added: "The grandeur of it all was overwhelming. It took my breath away. It was beautiful and so moving. I have not slept for 44 hours."

Celebrity queuers included ex-England captain David Beckham, 47 – who paid his respects on Friday – and double Olympic gold medallist Dame Kelly Holmes, 52.

Dame Kelly, who met the Queen on several occasions, said: "I have been watching the live TV and I was just overwhelmed."

"People are feeling this warmth, connecting with this moment –



TEARS At Westminister Hall

MOURNING GLORY

UPLIFTING Royal fans queue at Tower Bridge yesterday
Picture: GEORGE CRACKNELL WRIGHT/LNP



350k The number of people estimated to see the Queen's lying-in-state.
30 hours The longest people have queued to see the Queen lying-in-state.
189 hours By the time the last mourners pay their respects at 6.30am on Monday, the Queen will have lain in state in Westminster Hall for this long.
33,000 People filed past the monarch in the space of 24 hours when her coffin lay at rest in Edinburgh's St Giles' Cathedral.
2,868 The number of diamonds in the Imperial State Crown, worn by Elizabeth at her coronation in 1953 and which now rests on top of her coffin.
4,000 Military personnel will be on parade throughout the day of the funeral.
2,200 The number of people expected to attend the funeral at Westminster Abbey.
4.1 billion How many people are expected to watch the Queen's funeral worldwide, smashing all previous records.
800 How many will attend tomorrow's committal service at St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle. They will include past and present staff members who worked for the Queen at her various royal estates.
5 The King George VI Memorial Chapel inside St George's Chapel, where the Queen is to be buried, will be the final resting place of only five people, including the Queen. The others are her parents, sister and husband Philip.
1,500 The number of miles travelled by the new King Charles III in his first week on the throne.



DEVOTION Rick flew in from Canada

Such patience from a world full of respect



NIGEL NELSON
Political Editor

THE Queen's jubilees and endless walkabouts brought people together. And in death, she united them again in another British tradition - The Queue.

As the front of it snaked into Westminster Hall yesterday, the back was a 16-hour wait away at Southwark Park in South East London.

That so many thousands chose to shuffle along patiently was not just a tribute to our longest-serving monarch but a testament to the love and respect she generated by her dedication to public duty for 70 years.

It was that which brought the queuers from all over her United Kingdom and further afield.

Had she been with us, she would have asked: "Have you come far?"

The answer would have been the US, Australia, Africa, India, the Caribbean and Japan.

IT specialist Chloe Cheung, 41, and journalist Stanley Wong, 31, were over from Hong Kong where the Queen is known as Shi Tao Po, or head woman. They spent 15 hours in the queue.

Stanley said: "The quality of life was better when we were a British colony than it is now under China."

Chloe added: "It's because we don't have a monarch that everyone respects yours."

To underscore that, they asked not to be pictured for fear of reprisals.

Retired financier Rick Gummer, 67, from Halifax, Nova Scotia, flew over on Friday to spend 11 hours in the queue.

He said: "It was worth it, times 10. I've seen the Queen on 12 of her 22 visits to Canada so it was only fitting I should come for this."

Westminster Hall was silent during the lying-in-state, the only sound was the thump of marching soldiers' heels on ancient flagstones as the guard changed every 20 minutes.

Mourners filed through - a bow or blown kiss towards the coffin, the sign of the cross, and muffled sobs as they left with one last look behind them.

In a world where advancement is based on individual merit, instant judgments are made on Twitter, and selfies come before selfless service, it seems astonishing that a hereditary monarchy, with frock-coated footmen, has a place in the 21st century.

The queue said otherwise. The queue said monarchy is here to stay.



ON THE BALL Becks pays his respects



'OVERWHELMED' Dame Kelly Holmes



HOMAGE Mourners get to hall yesterday

and, for me, yes it will be a sombre occasion, but it makes me happy I am here in this queue."

Sam Mason, from West London, completed the queue twice in as many days. He first joined at 11.30pm on Thursday before finally seeing the Queen's coffin 12 hours later.

He then went home, had his car serviced and then did it again.

He said: "The first time the legs hurt, the second time they didn't."

"It is a part of history and I want to be a part of it."

"I've had two hours' sleep in 48. I'm going home to bed!"

Mourners were keeping up their

spirits by singing together and sharing cakes, supported by well-wishers, including volunteers from the Samaritans and the Red Cross.

Many gained new friends, including Martyn and Samantha Young, from Buckingham, who queued through the night with their children Rhys, 11, and Tyler, 10, waiting 14 hours.

Asked how they did it, Martyn, 39, joked: "With lots of coffee and sugar. And chatting with everyone."

"It was a long night, but the spirit was really good and there was no pushing or shoving."

Samantha, 38, said: "It was a lovely atmosphere. The boys had about 20

minutes' sleep on a bench at one point and sometimes looked as though they were falling asleep standing up. But I'm glad we did it."

"It felt massively emotional to see the coffin, but it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to be part of history."

Angela Parker, 46, and her sister Joanne Brennon, 43, got a train from Liverpool before arriving at the back of the queue in Southwark Park at around 11am yesterday.

They were told to expect to reach Westminster Hall at around 3am.

Angela, from New Brighton in the Wirral, said: "Today is the only day we've been able to travel as I work in

a care home. I saw the warnings but I knew I would regret it if I didn't try. Sixteen hours is a decent amount of time to have a proper catch up."

Some mourners are already camping near The Mall to secure a good spot for the funeral.

Nurse Sue Grave, 53, from Chester, who has done the same for previous royal events, said: "I am ex-forces. She was our commander-in-chief. I have just always been a royalist."

"People from every culture and country have been walking by here."

"She has done so much for not just our country, but the Commonwealth and the world."

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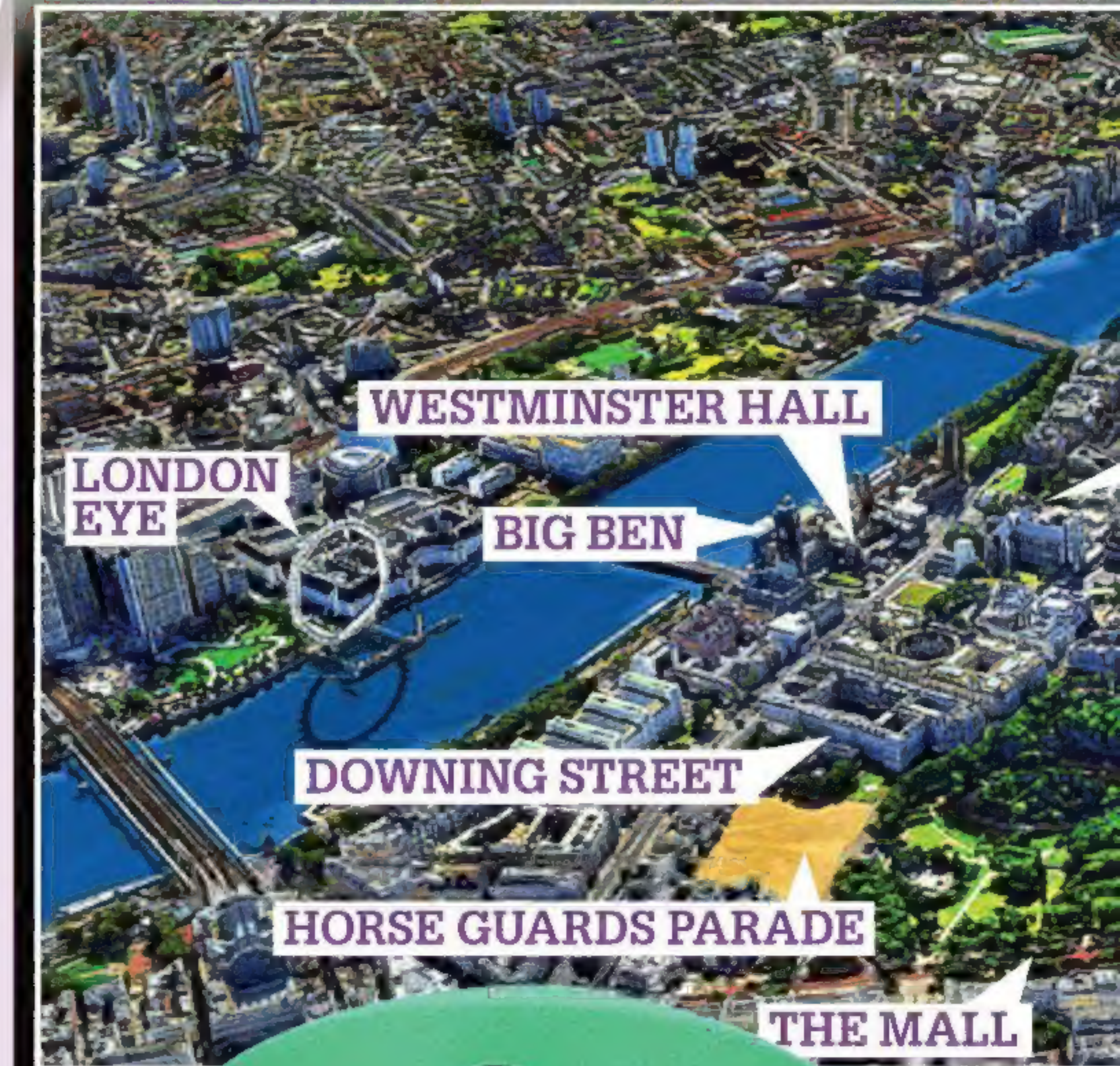
From Westminster Hall to Westminster Abbey



MOURNING Charles with Queen's coffin at Westminster Hall

WESTMINSTER

Meticulous minute the journey to HM's



6.30AM

The doors of Westminster Hall will close, bringing an end to the lying in state. Preparations will begin for the procession to Westminster Abbey, for the state funeral.

8AM

The doors of Westminster Abbey - less than a mile away - will be opened for the congregation to begin taking their seats. Heads of State, world leaders and royal families from across the globe will gather at Chelsea's Royal Hospital before travelling to the abbey for the funeral service.

10.35AM

A special bearer party from The Queen's Company, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards will lift the Queen's oak casket from the decorative catafalque and carry it in procession from Westminster Hall to the state gun carriage of the Royal Navy, which will be positioned outside the north door of the building.

10.44AM

The state gun carriage will leave

Westminster Hall's New Palace Yard, travelling along Parliament Square, Broad Sanctuary and The Sanctuary, as it makes its way to Westminster Abbey. The route will be lined by the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

10.52AM

The procession will arrive at the abbey's west gate where the bearer party will lift the coffin from the gun carriage and carry it into the abbey.

11AM

The service will begin, conducted by the Dean of Westminster. Prime Minister Liz Truss and Secretary General of the Commonwealth, Patricia Scotland, will carry out readings, while the Archbishop of Canterbury, inset, and Archbishop of York will be among the faith leaders to say prayers.

11.55AM

Last Post will sound, followed by a two-minute silence to be observed inside the abbey and across the country.

NOON



Reveille, the national anthem and a lament played by the Queen's Piper will bring the state funeral service to an end. The bearer party will then carry the coffin through the Great West Door, returning to the gun carriage which will be positioned outside the west gate.

12.15PM

The coffin will be followed by the King and the Queen Consort, the Prince and Princess of Wales and members of the Royal Family who are to walk in procession to Wellington Arch in Green Park.

1PM



The procession will arrive at Wellington Arch, left, where the bearers will lift the casket from the carriage and place it in the state hearse. When secured, the hearse will begin its journey to Windsor, as the parade gives a salute and the national anthem is played. King Charles and the Queen Consort, the Prince and Princess of Wales and members of the family will take a car to Windsor.

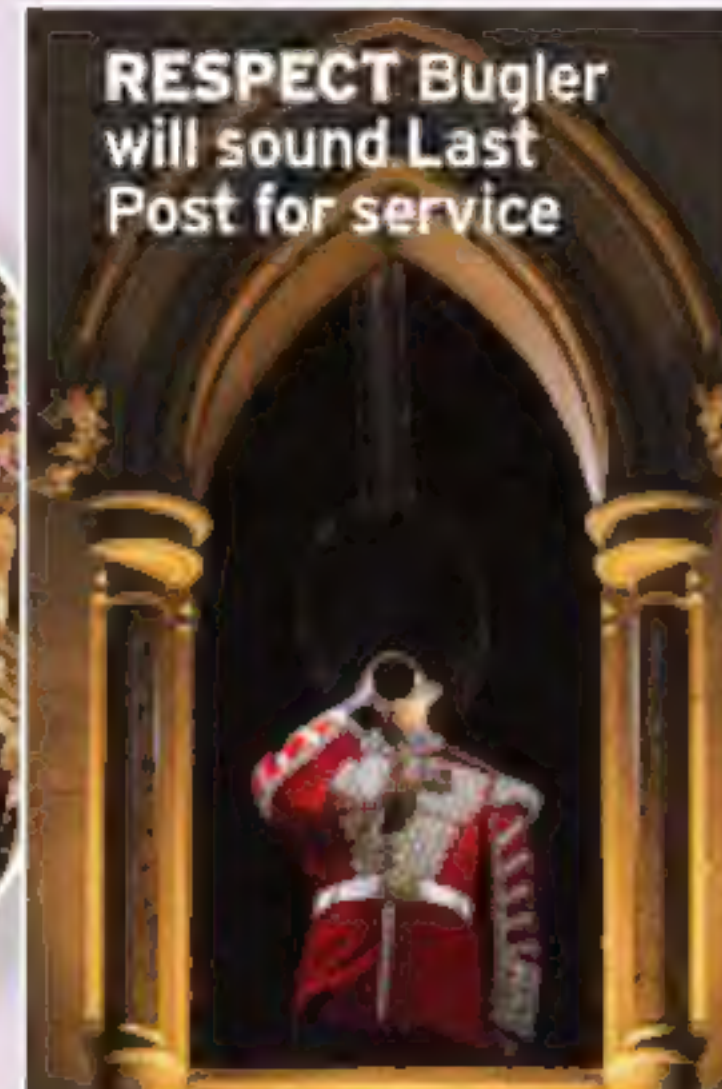
From Westminster Abbey to Wellington Arch



2002 Abbey funeral for the Queen Mother



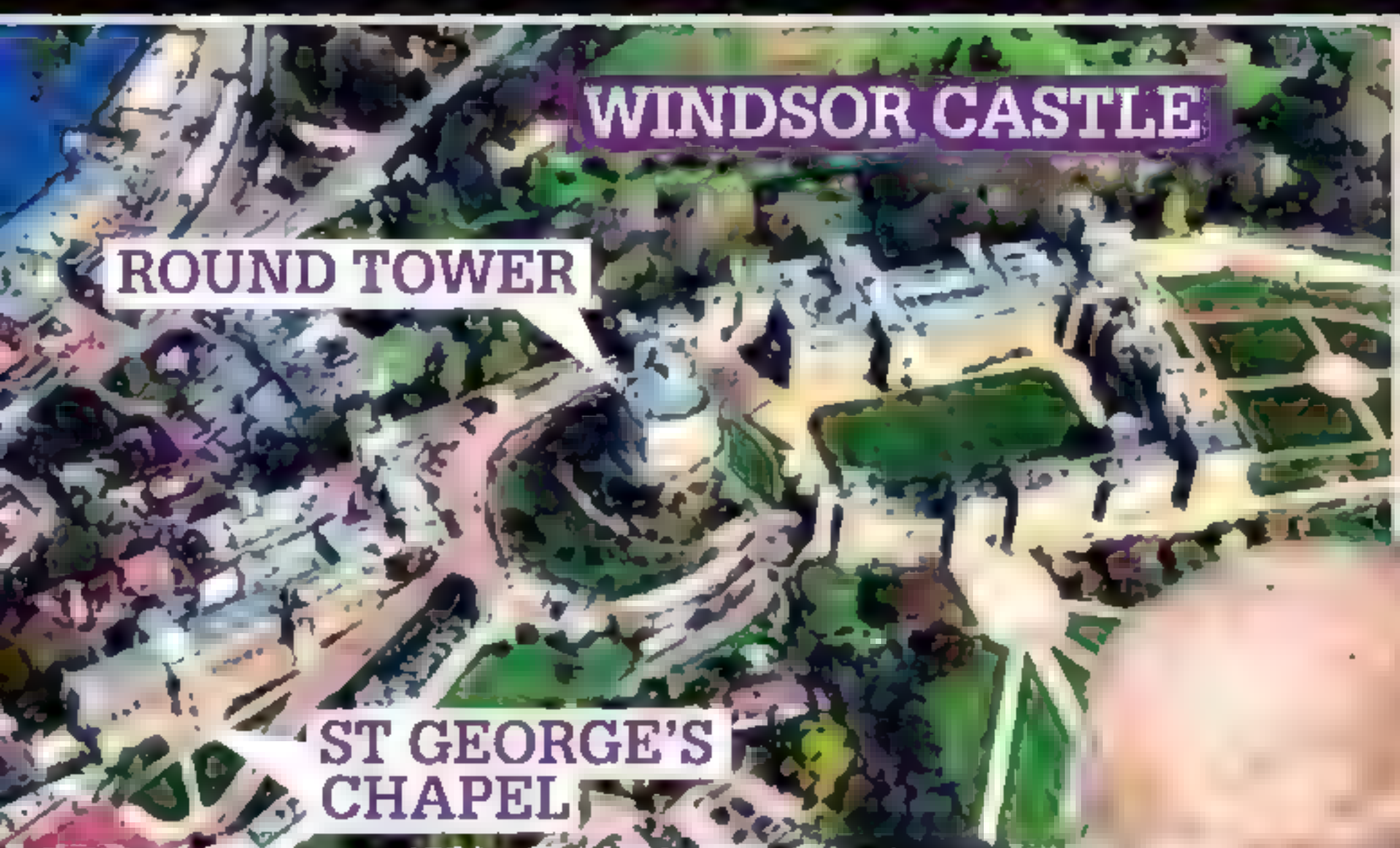
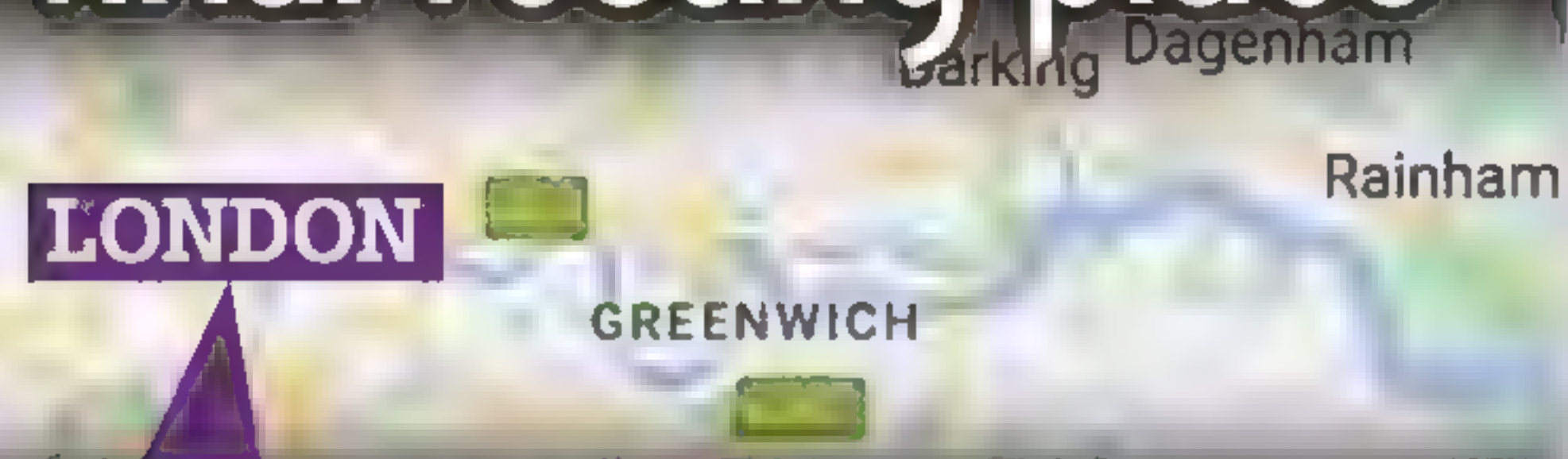
RESPECT Bugler will sound Last Post for service



MAJESTIC

HOW DAY WILL UNFOLD

by minute plan for final resting place



WINDSOR

3.06PM
The state hearse, inset below, will arrive at Albert Road and join the procession.

3.10PM
The procession will travel to St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, travelling down the iconic Long Walk, through Cambridge Gate, down Cambridge Drive and then the Parade Ground and Horseshoe Cloister Arch.

3.20PM
Governors and Prime Ministers from across the Commonwealth will arrive at the chapel's west door and be escorted to their seats in the nave.

3.25PM
Members of the Royal Family who are not accompanying the coffin will arrive at the west door and be shown to their seats.

3.40PM
The King and members of the Royal Family who are walking in the procession will join the Queen's coffin at the Quadrangle as it passes into Engine Court.

3.53PM
The procession will stop at the bottom of

the west steps of St George's Chapel, below, in Horseshoe Cloister. The bearer party will lift the coffin from the state hearse and Her Majesty will be carried in procession into the chapel.

4PM
The committal service will begin as the

procession enters the chapel and the coffin is placed on a catafalque in the Quire. The service will be conducted by the Dean of Windsor, while prayers will be said by the Rector of Sandringham, the Minister of Crathie Kirk, the Chaplain of Windsor Great Park and the Dean of Windsor. Prior to the final hymn, the Imperial State Crown, the Orb and the Sceptre will be placed on the altar. The coffin will be lowered into the Royal Vault.

7.30PM
The Queen will be buried at the King George VI Memorial Chapel, where her late husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, and sister Princess Margaret are also interred. The private burial service will be conducted by the Dean of Windsor and attended by the King and the Royal Family.

SERVICE Queen Mother's coffin arrives at Windsor in 2002



MUCH MISSED Prince Philip

ORNATE Chapel entrance

GRAND St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle

FAREWELL

TODAY'S WEATHER

A largely cloudy start for many areas of the UK, with light showers in south Scotland and northern England, these drifting southwards. Sunny spells in south and south-west England and Wales. Sunshine will also develop in north Scotland later in the afternoon. Sunshine and isolated showers in Northern Ireland.

SUN

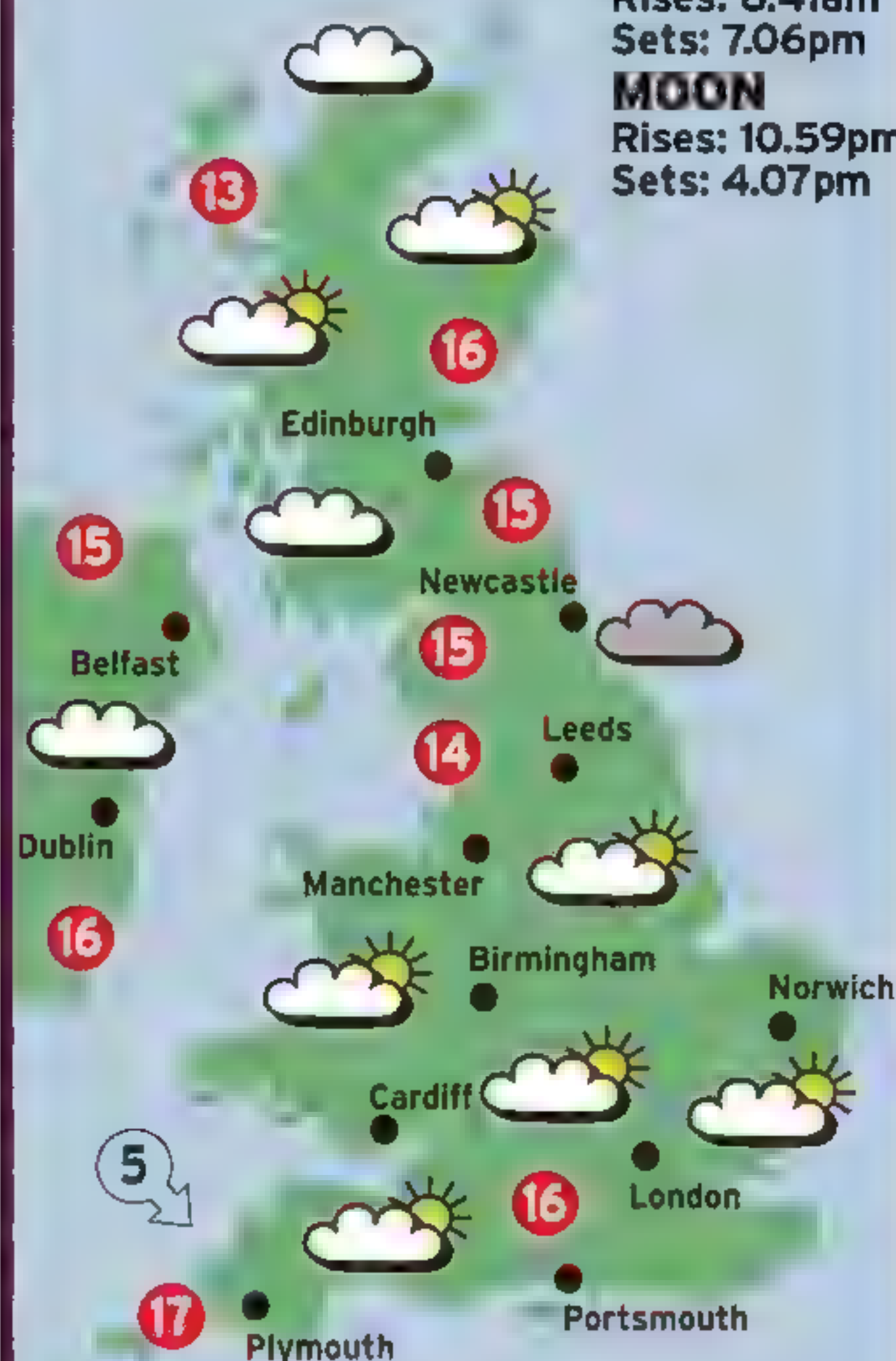
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Sets: 7.06pm

MOON

Rises: 10.59pm

Sets: 4.07pm



4 DAY OUTLOOK

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Birmingham	18c	18c	19c	18c
Cardiff	19c	19c	19c	19c
Edinburgh	15c	17c	18c	17c
Liverpool	17c	18c	19c	17c
London	18c	19c	20c	20c
Manchester	17c	18c	18c	17c
Newcastle	14c	17c	18c	17c
Norwich	16c	18c	19c	19c
Plymouth	19c	19c	18c	18c

ABROAD YESTERDAY

	C	F		C	F
Amsterdam	s	16 61	Madrid	s	25 77
Athens	s	31 88	Majorca	f	26 79
Barcelona	f	26 79	Malaga	s	26 79
Benidorm	f	29 84	Malta	f	29 84
Corfu	c	27 81	Marmaris	s	32 90
Crete	s	28 82	Miami	c	28 82
Ibiza	sh	26 79	Paris	f	16 61
Larnaca	s	32 90	Sydney	sh	22 72
Las Palmas	s	29 84	Tenerife	s	27 81

- : not available, m: misty, c: cloudy, s: sunny, r: rain, dr: drizzle, sn: snow, f: fair, fg: fog, sh: showers, th: thunder, ht: hail, sl: sleet

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INSIDE



THE LOTTERY

Last night's numbers

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ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022

Great &

Leaders and royals from all around globe fly in to attend funeral at Abbey



SOLEMN King greets Canada's PM Trudeau



CONDOLENCES Canada's Justin Trudeau and his wife Sophie in London yesterday

Kings, queens, presidents and a walk-on part for Sandra Oh

ROYALTY

Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako of Japan
King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima, Netherlands
King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain
King Philippe and Queen Mathilde of Belgium
Queen Margrethe II of Denmark
King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden
King Harald V of Norway



REGAL Norway's royals and, left, Monaco royalty

King of Bhutan, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
Sultan of Brunei
Jordan's King Abdullah
Crown Prince of Kuwait, Sheikh Meshal al-Ahmad al-Sabah
Prince of Monaco, Albert II
Crown Prince of Morocco, Moulay Hassan



Sultan of Oman
Emir of Qatar
King of Tonga, Tupou VI

NATIONAL LEADERS

Joe and Jill Biden, US
Justin Trudeau, Canada
Jair Bolsonaro, Brazil
Paula-Mae Weekes, Trinidad and Tobago
Sandra Mason, Barbados
Andrew Holness, Jamaica
Emmanuel Macron, France
Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Germany
Sergio Mattarella, Italy



THE WORLD PAYS RESPECTS

the good

BY **JOHN SIDDLER** and **NIGEL NELSON**
Political Editor

WORLD leaders last night began descending on London ahead of Queen Elizabeth's funeral - amid Britain's biggest ever security operation.

US president Joe Biden and Japan's Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako were among the first of more than 100 royals, heads of state and diplomats attending.

Mr Biden landed in the UK on Air Force One with First Lady Jill late yesterday evening.

Plans to meet new PM Liz Truss at Downing Street today were put off until a UN session on Wednesday. But No 10 will host Canada's Justin Trudeau, Irish leader Micheál Martin and Poland's Andrzej Duda.

Yesterday Ms Truss met New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern and her Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese at the Government's Chevening residence.

With two million mourners expected, the funeral is an epic security challenge far surpassing the 2012 Olympics and June's Platinum Jubilee.

As well as the 10,000 uniformed officers on duty, snipers will be stationed on rooftops and drones will provide security chiefs with constant visual updates.

Every lamppost on the route has been examined and sealed and people known to have potentially dangerous royal obsessions are being monitored by a special team.

Foreign royalty flying in include Spain's King Felipe and Queen



FLYING IN US President Mr Biden & First Lady Jill



FINAL AUDIENCE Former PMs May, Major, Brown, Blair, Cameron & Johnson

“They look splendid... we'll do the Queen proud”

JANE PAVEY OF TEAM BEHIND CLERICS' ROBES

Letizia, King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima of the Netherlands, King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway and Prince Albert II and Princess Charlene of Monaco.

Royals from Greece, Sweden, Denmark and Belgium will also be there.

The six surviving former British PMs who served under the Queen will attend, along with Ms Truss.

European leaders will include French president Emmanuel Macron, German president Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Italian president Sergio Mattarella and Finland's Sauli Niinistö, as well as European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen and European Council president Charles Michel.

But a ban on VIPs' official vehicles sparked a row over a “two-tier”

system after Mr Biden was allowed his armoured limo and Israel's Isaac Herzog was also exempted.

Ukraine president Volodymyr Zelensky's wife Olena is also set to be there - while neither Russia nor Belarus have been invited. The military regime of Myanmar, accused over deaths of democracy campaigners, have also been left out, while Iran will have only an ambassador.

Westminster Abbey could not fit all the heads of state the Queen met in her lifetime, so former US presidents Barack Obama and Donald Trump were also not invited.

But Royal Family favourite Sir David Attenborough, born 17 days after the Queen and producer of several of her Christmas speeches, will join mourners in the Abbey.

The Queen's racing adviser John Warren, who spent the weekend at Balmoral days before her death, will also be there. He said: “We sat

for hours strategising, making plans. She was in such a healthy state of mind and in tremendous form. She really loved to talk about her horses, right to the very end.”

The 2,000 guests will include delegates picked from across the Commonwealth. The Maori king, Kiingi Tuheitia, will be among New Zealand's delegation, while Canada selected Killing Eve star Sandra Oh.

The doors to Westminster Abbey will open at 8am, three hours before the service. Her Majesty's coffin will leave Westminster Hall at 10.35am.

The state gun carriage will bear her casket, drawn by 98 Royal Navy sailors in a tradition dating back to the funeral of Queen Victoria.

Jane Pavey, one of nine embroiderers who have worked for three years on clerics' ceremonial robes, said: “They'll look splendid. We'll certainly do the Queen proud.”

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Unsung heroes receive invites to the service

EXCLUSIVE BY NIGEL NELSON, PATRICK HILL and JACK CLOVER

UNSUNG heroes from all walks of life will rub shoulders with the great and the good at Westminster Abbey tomorrow.

Nearly 200 volunteers, charity workers and pillars of local communities will join the presidents and heads of state for the Queen's funeral.

We spoke to some of the not-so-ordinary folk who will be there.

Dr Erin Thompson never expected an invite - but she never thought she would be running a bereavement charity either.

It all began in 2008 when the clinical psychologist's father Kevin died of spine cancer aged 55. She realised that those who have lost loved ones needed people to talk to, so she started self-help groups, which expanded into the Loss Foundation.

She was awarded an MBE in this year's Queen's birthday honours.

Erin said: “What we do is create spaces where people who have gone through something similar can come together.”

The 36-year-old, from London, who is married to plumber James, 43, and has a



SURPRISED Erin and family and, right, Lynn McManus

three-year-old son, said of the funeral invitation: “I wasn't expecting it and it's still sinking in.”

Lynn McManus, 61, from North Shields, received her invitation after being honoured for building a special play centre for disabled children.

She said: “It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing to be able to experience it and I think it'll be emotional and surreal.”

Meanwhile, Virginia Williams-Ellis, 64, from north Gloucestershire, was invited after setting up Read Easy UK, which helps adults to learn to read.

She said: “I couldn't believe it when I got the call - I was truly amazed and lost for words. It's a really remarkable honour.”

And Emma Lewis MBE, 42, who set up a charity to help disadvantaged young people in the care system, said she was sitting in her husband's van in a Morrisons car park when she got the phone call.

She said: “It just felt very surreal. I feel overwhelmed and grateful to be asked.”

Emma was inspired to set up her charity, the Roots Foundation Wales, because she grew up in care and often wished she had received more support as she moved into adult life. She added: “I want the children I work with to see that if a thing like this can happen to me it can happen to them.”

Michael D Higgins and Micheál Martin, Ireland
Alexander Van der Bellen, Austria
Katalin Novak, Hungary
Andrzej Duda, Poland
Sauli Niinistö, Finland
Katerina Sakellariopoulou, Greece
George Vella, Malta
Nicos Anastasiades, Cyprus
Mohammad Shtayyeh, State of Palestine
Cyril Ramaphosa, S. Africa
Nana Akufo-Addo, Ghana

Droupadi Murmu, India
Ranil Wickremesinghe, Sri Lanka
Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh
Jacinda Ardern, New Zealand
Anthony Albanese, Australia
Yoon Suk-yeol, South Korea
CELEBS
David Attenborough
Kiri Te Kanawa
Sandra Oh



STAR QUALITY From left, Oh, Attenborough and racing's Warren



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CLOSE Brothers with Queen in 2004

THE grandchildren standing vigil at the late Queen's coffin – the heir to the throne at one end, his brother at the other – is the strongest image of this last week.

For me, it had the same resonance as the note Harry put on Diana's coffin that said "Mummy".

It had everybody gulping.

This vigil of the grandsons is unprecedented and allowing Harry to wear his uniform was significant.

It is quite clear that the Royal Household realised they had mucked up by not allowing it initially, given that he has seen active service.

It was absurd, unfair and tone-deaf. I think he got caught in the crossfire of rules created to get around the issue of Andrew. The Queen and Prince Philip were very proud of Harry's service, and that he had found something that meshed with his talents. If it had been up to him, Harry would have served his full term.

HUMILIATION

When I watched them walk past the Cenotaph on Wednesday and Harry and Andrew were unable to salute, it was a real humiliation.

But Harry has not made a big fuss about it – he is doing what his grandmother wanted. I suspect the idea for both brothers to wear uniform for the vigil is an olive branch from Charles.

It seems clear to me that they are trying to embrace Harry again – or at least show him that he is valued.

It is also an attempt to keep the focus on the funeral, not the relationship between the two princes.

Every big royal occasion has a big story diverting attention.

For the Queen's Coronation, this was the relationship between her sister, Princess Margaret, and Peter Townsend.

But while the treatment of the heir and their younger sibling can be imbalanced, there is no doubt the Queen loved the boys equally.

Presenting them as equals for the vigil reflects that.

There is no doubt though that she treated William differently, given his position. Every Sunday when he was at Eton she would ring and invite him to tea. All that said, Harry could get instant access when he wanted – she always took his calls.

After all, the royals may be known as The Firm, but they are still a family. She was CEO and he a fairly junior director, but he still had access to the boss. I think an awful lot of that was

I don't doubt Queen loved William and Harry equally



BY ANDREW MORTON

Royal biographer

down to Harry having lost his mum. Seeing Meghan take his hand after Wednesday's procession of the coffin to Westminster reminded me of Diana's caring instinct. Earlier, as I stood among the crowds on The Mall, Beethoven's Funeral Marches filling the air, the sight of the Queen's coffin passing the hushed but emotional crowds was one I will never forget.

It was a moment steeped in tradition yet like nothing we had ever witnessed before. The 10 days of national mourning have been a masterclass in ceremony and planning – not just decades in the making, but drawing on royal funerals across the centuries.

Thousands of people are working behind the scenes to meld protocol with meeting modern-day concerns.

And Queen Elizabeth II's influence is very much evident. She was a

woman who revelled in the ceremony and precision of national occasions.

Her Majesty expected nothing less than the highest standards. When I first started on my biography of the Queen, I went to Edinburgh and spoke to some of the committee members of Operation Unicorn, the procedure for if she passed away in Scotland.

For a woman who was outshone as an actress by her sister, this would be – and was – a very dramatic farewell that will have a long-lasting impact.

It was the perfect ending to her glorious reign, from the stately drive through the Scottish countryside and the procession up the Royal Mile in Edinburgh, to Princess Anne accompanying the coffin to London.

My 97-year-old mother has now lived to see five monarchs on the throne. A typical Yorkshirewoman, she's very matter of fact, and tells me

there has been far too much fuss. But there are important reasons we observe 10 days of national mourning and this complex and splendid series of ceremonies and procedures.

The first is to bring the nation together and let everyone be a part of saying a fond and loving goodbye.

The second is to say hello to the new sovereign. The key phrase is "The Queen is dead, long live the King".

MEDIEVAL

This is exactly what this is all about. It's introducing Charles, not just in relation to his mother, but as himself.

He is now looked at in his own right – and, by and large, he has been very well received. But also, in a medieval way, this long process is to prove that she is no longer with us.

There is no possible latitude to say, "Oh, she's gone off to South America".

Life is very different to when her father George VI died in 1952. TV brings every second of the process into our homes – but we're also more sceptical and more questioning.

Back then, three in four people believed the monarch was directly descended from God. Few would say that today.

Men around the country marked his passing by wearing black suits, with black ties and black arm bands.

While we see the newsreaders on TV in mourning clothes, we don't see them being worn on the streets or even in the crowds that line The Mall.

The emotion is there though – I could feel it in central London this week. I was lucky enough to be within five feet of King Charles and Princes William and Harry as they passed by.

I thought William looked very stoic and Harry quite downcast. As

BROTHERS IN ARMS



SILENT VIGILS
Brothers join cousins to honour their grandmother last night



TRANSITION Charles leads his family

How pageantry helps to soothe the nation's grief

COMMENT

BY JENNIE BOND
Former BBC Royal Correspondent

THE images of this past week will be seared in our national psyche.

Rich in colour, solemn in tone, suffused with emotion: the first glimpse of our late Queen's coffin, the tears of her children and grandchildren, the bowed heads of the soldiers, the warmth of the cheers for the new King.

We are living through a period of history in which a familiar era has suddenly ended. And yet the transition to the new one is ordered and smooth.

Rituals can be a source of solace in times of grief. And that is perhaps part of the reason why hundreds of thousands of people have endured hours of waiting to witness the pageantry and processions that have marked the death of Queen Elizabeth.

From the stately progress of the hearse bearing her coffin from Balmoral to Edinburgh, to the full pageantry of the gun carriage procession from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall, each moment was meticulously planned. The blueprint for the formalities following the Queen's death, code-named London Bridge, has been in place for decades.

The State Funeral tomorrow will form a thread of history directly back to the funerals of the monarchs who preceded our Queen.

It is how we signpost the closing of a chapter in our national life. Apart from our Kings and Queens, only Winston Churchill has been honoured in this way.

The Royal Family is just that: a family, with all the tensions and fractures of so many families. But this week we have seen them united in grief. We have required them to be stoic and strong, and to lead us in mourning their matriarch.

Each step of the Queen's final journey has been punctuated by prayer and religious ceremony.

When she is finally laid to rest tomorrow, with powerful pomp and ceremony, the service will be one that she would have helped plan and one which will signal for us all the finality of the end of an extraordinary reign.

they walked, they are bound to have been thinking of Diana in 1997. But maybe it was cathartic – 25 years ago, they were young and it was very unfiltered and raw.

This time they would have known their grandmother was not in the best of health, and anticipated her loss.

The family put on a brave face at the Jubilee, even though it was clear she was fading.

I think she knew she didn't have long to go and showed great courage to do what she could – meeting people, attending engagements and always smiling.

She had DUTY written through her like Blackpool rock. Now her family are trying to emulate her example.

While watching the boys again



MEMORIES Harry's note and the princes flanked by their uncle and father at Diana's funeral

following a coffin felt like Groundhog Day, Diana's funeral was different.

With Diana, people were still in shock at her premature death, and the sight of those two young boys brought virtually the whole world to the brink of tears.

Where Diana's coffin was followed by charity workers, this was more military and formal – a farewell to a much-loved woman who lived a long life in full, who was also head of state.

I'm not sure though that the Queen would have approved of the sea of camera phones – this modern trend used to irritate her beyond belief.

She hated that when she got in her car nobody was looking at her, everyone was staring at their phones. We are all paparazzi now.

That also puts more pressure on the troops and her family to make sure every tiny detail was perfection.

Those involved had been practising

behind the scenes at midnight or three in the morning.

One of the Queen's bodyguards told me this whole thing should run on rails, it is so practised.

But things can, and do, go wrong. When George V died, part of the Imperial State Crown fell into the gutter during the procession.

His son, Edward VIII, spotted it and wondered if he should bend down and pick it up. But he thought he had better stay in lockstep.

Luckily, an army sergeant swooped down to save the day.

For the Queen though, it ran like clockwork and was no less than she deserved. As several American commentators have said to me over the last few days, the Brits do it best.

— WITH ALEX LLOYD

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THURS SEPT 8

Announcement of the Queen's death is posted on Buckingham Palace gate



FRI SEPT 9

Grieving and dignified, Charles makes first statement as King

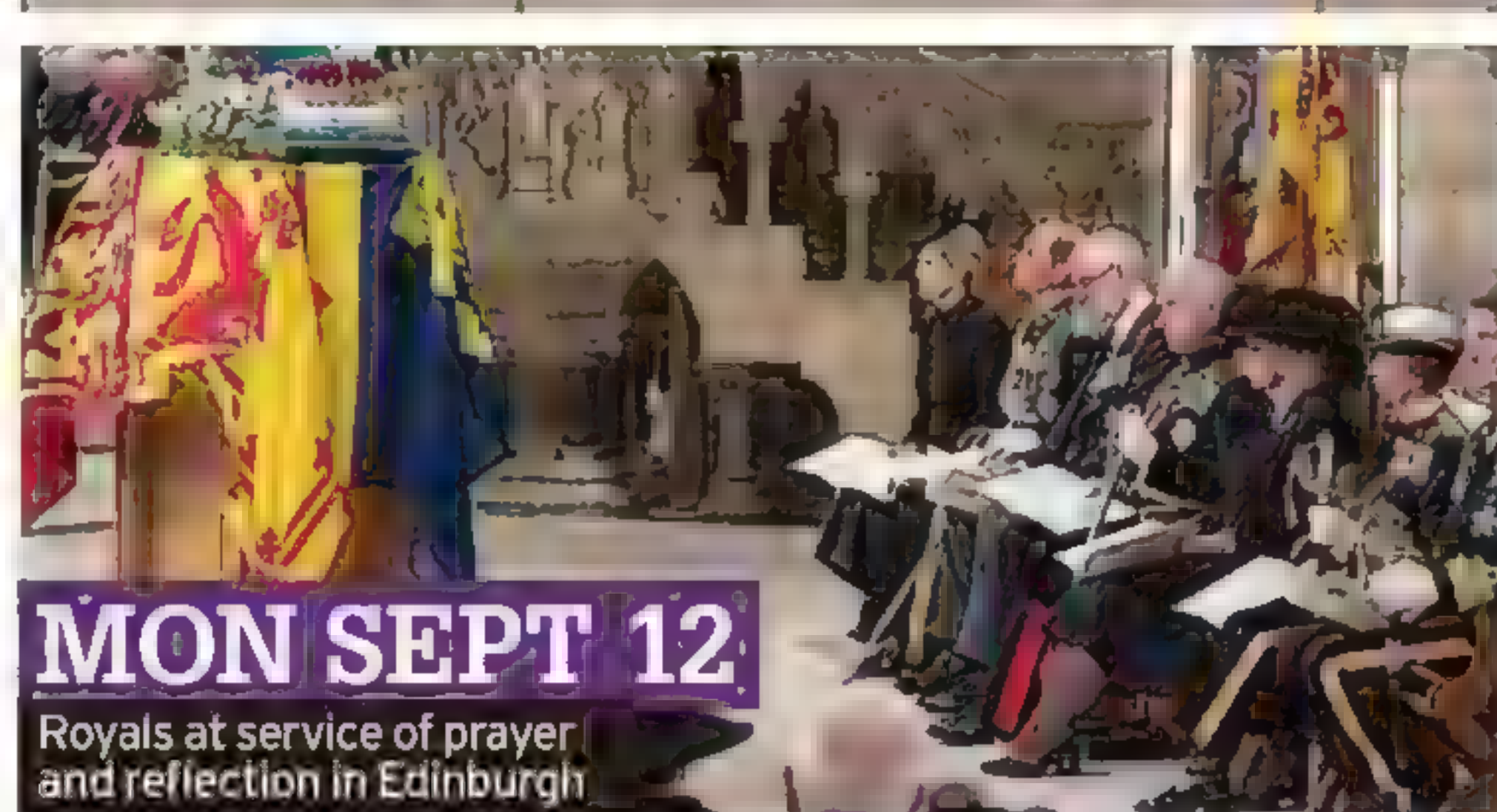


SAT SEPT 10

Kate, William, Harry and Meghan emerge for Windsor walkabout

SUN SEPT 11

Hundreds watch as Queen's coffin heads to Edinburgh



MON SEPT 12

Royals at service of prayer and reflection in Edinburgh

UNITED

BY KEIR MUDIE

IT WAS 26 words, typed, under the royal letterhead, in a dark foolscap frame, tied with black twine to the gates of Holyroodhouse and Buckingham Palace.

And it changed the world.

"The Queen died peacefully at Balmoral this afternoon.

"The King and The Queen Consort will remain at Balmoral this evening and will return to London tomorrow."

Official confirmation of the death of Her Majesty, and the first stirring of the giant machine designed exactly for this moment.

A machine to keep the country running, to handle the huge outpouring of public grief at the death of the Queen, and to ensure the next few days passed smoothly.

It was September 8, 6.30pm and in that instant the Elizabethan era ended and the reign of King Charles III began.

Union flags at Buckingham Palace and Downing Street were lowered, the Royal Banner of Scotland at Holyroodhouse and the Welsh flag at Cardiff Castle hung at half-mast.

CHERISHED

The BBC announced the death, in solemn tones.

At 7.04pm, the new King issued his first statement. The words of a son plunged into grief, of course, but framed by his sense of duty – and with the weight of the country and the eyes of the world on him.

"The death of my beloved mother, Her Majesty the Queen, is a moment of the greatest sadness for me and all members of my family. We mourn profoundly the passing of a cherished sovereign and a much-loved mother."

Global tributes quickly poured in.

"She was more than a monarch," said US President Joe Biden. "She defined an era."

Emmanuel Macron, President of France, wrote: "I remember her as a friend of France, a kind-hearted queen who has left a lasting impression on her country and her century."

In war-torn Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky said: "On behalf of the people, we extend sincere condolences to the Royal Family, the entire United Kingdom and the Commonwealth over this irreparable loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you."

The following morning, the machine was already in gear. King Charles and Camilla, Queen Consort, flew back from Balmoral to greet thousands of mourners at the gates of Buckingham Palace.

King Charles met the new PM, Liz Truss, then – at 6pm – made a TV broadcast. A raw and mourning son, but a King who knew what the nation demanded. His

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Remarkable 10 days bonded Royal Family with millions in every corner of the land

emotional address finished, fittingly, with Shakespeare: "May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

That evening, a prayer service was held at St Paul's. And for the first time since 1952, the ancient building rang with cries of "God Save The King".

On Saturday, Charles III was officially proclaimed King. "I shall strive to follow the inspiring example I have been set," he said, "in upholding constitutional government and to seek the peace, harmony and prosperity of the peoples of these Islands and of the Commonwealth Realms and Territories throughout the world." As

21-gun salutes were fired across the country, rumours grew that Prince William and Kate would meet crowds at Windsor Castle. And when the time came, stunned onlookers saw they were joined by Harry and Meghan.

"Extended negotiations" behind the scenes led to a brief reconciliation as the brothers united in grief.

Visibly emotional, the four viewed a sea of flowers, then met the crowd, shaking hands and hugging well-wishers for 40 minutes.

Sunday saw the Queen's coffin leave Balmoral, draped in the Royal Standard

A NATION MOURNS

KINGDOM

FRI SEPT 16

King Charles and his siblings at moving Westminster Hall vigil

TUES SEPT 13

Royal hearse carries the Queen's coffin into Buckingham Palace



WEDS SEPT 14

Coffin carried on gun carriage from Buckingham Palace to Westminster

THURS SEPT 15

William and Kate admire floral tributes left outside Sandringham in Norfolk



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That's the paradox.. the individual in the coffin and the weight of this majesty

BARENDINA SMEDLEY PAYING HOMAGE AT WESTMINSTER HALL

and adorned with a wreath featuring the Queen's favourite flowers and pine fir from the Balmoral estate.

This was Operation Unicorn, to be activated in the event of the Queen dying in Scotland.

On a 175-mile, six-hour journey, the hearse wound its way through the Queen's beloved Scottish countryside and into Edinburgh, arriving at Holyroodhouse, where the coffin rested for the night.

On Monday, the Queen's coffin was taken up the Royal Mile to St Giles' Cathedral, followed by her children

Charles, Andrew, Anne and Edward. At 7.45pm, the Vigil of The Princes took place. Traditionally, it has been restricted to male heirs but this time, Princess Anne joined. The four stood for around 10 minutes.

Thousands filed past the coffin as the Queen lay in state overnight.

Northern Ireland was next for the King, where he addressed the Parliament before a service of remembrance at St Anne's Cathedral.

The Queen's coffin, meanwhile, was flown to RAF Northolt, where it was received by the Prime Minister.

Crowds lined the A40 into West London. The cortege headed into the heart of the capital and, finally, through the great arch and into Buckingham Palace. The Queen was home.

CHALLENGING

In the morning, for a final time, she left, borne on a gun carriage of the Royal Horse Artillery. Big Ben rang as she travelled to the Palace of Westminster with her family walking behind.

William later said he found this "challenging" as it brought back memories of walking behind the

procession for his mother, Princess Diana, some 25 years ago.

At 5pm lying in state began, and the longest queue in the world formed. Hundreds of thousands went to Westminster Hall to pay their respects.

King Charles and his siblings carried out a short vigil next to their mother's coffin, in full military regalia.

And last night, the grandchildren paid their respects in similar fashion.

World leaders have filed solemnly past the coffin too. Through everything, some of the most touching and powerful tributes have come from

ordinary people who headed to the capital to honour the Queen.

Like Barendina Smedley, from Norfolk, who joined the queue at 5.30am on Thursday.

"My overwhelming impression," she said, "will be the view down Westminster Hall. That huge room and there in the middle, under the crown and royal standard was this little coffin."

"That's the paradox – the individual in the coffin and then the weight of this majesty, the embodiment of the state. It's a very powerful thing to see."

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Special title bestowed by admirer Her Majesty

FOLLOWING the wedding of Charles and Camilla in 2005, Buckingham Palace announced that Camilla would be known as HRH Princess Consort.

She did not take Diana's Princess of Wales title and it lay vacant for 25 years before being officially handed down to Prince William's wife Kate.

Earlier this year, the Queen said in her Accession Day message: "When, in the fullness of time, my son Charles becomes King, I

know you will give him and his wife Camilla the same support that you have given me; and it is my sincere wish that, when that time comes, Camilla will be known as Queen Consort as she continues her own loyal service."

Throughout British history, there has never been a divorced Queen Consort. Before Philip, the Queen Mother was the royal consort during the reign of the Queen's father George VI, after her grandmother, George V's wife Queen Mary.



PROTECTIVE Camilla is always staunchly by King Charles' side



ONE OF FAMILY Camilla with Queen and senior royals in 2016

FOR 17 years, Camilla has stood dutifully by her husband's side as the Duchess of Cornwall, embracing the role with energy and grace.

Once perceived as the woman who wrecked Charles and Diana's fairytale love story, she is now valued as a warm, bold and popular presence in public life.

The new Queen Consort campaigns to raise awareness of causes close to her heart, such as osteoporosis, and she has her own Instagram book club, The Royal Reading Room.

As patron and president of more than 90 charities, she has boosted public consciousness on a huge range of issues, including rape, domestic abuse, literacy, child sexual exploitation, animal welfare and poverty.

But like Prince Philip, who was known as Prince Consort during his marriage to Queen Elizabeth - Prince rather than King so as not to outrank the title of Queen, which is historically considered to be lower in rank than King - she will now be expected to support King Charles III in all he does.

Royal expert Penny Junor, author of a biography of Camilla, *The Duchess*, explains how Camilla, 75, will operate as Queen Consort...

Camilla will be by King Charles' side in every role and in every form. The model for her really is the Duke of Edinburgh. Camilla is very much like him - he had no ambition to be a star in any way and he saw his role as being a support to the Queen. That's precisely what Camilla is to Charles and will continue to be.

She has no ego and no ambition to be a superstar. She takes on the title of Queen Consort quite reluctantly in a way... because she is not a grand woman. She is a really warm, friendly, normal person.

Likely to be officially crowned Queen Consort next year, at the coronation of King Charles III, the role requires her to



COMMITTED Camilla at charity event

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CAMILLA



DUTY BOUND
With Charles as he addresses the nation as King

New Queen Consort is warm, friendly, strong, supportive, brave, normal; she loves Charles and is just what he needs

Woman of substance

support her husband. This will include appearing at public engagements and attending charity events.

While the monarch has official responsibilities relating to the Government, the Queen Consort does not.

Camilla has taken on a range of causes that aren't necessarily issues that have been embraced by the royals before. But I feel sure she will continue to support them. Her work on domestic abuse has really brought the issue to the centre of attention and made a difference, ensuring police forces are now taking it seriously.

And she's with the King for all the right reasons. She loves Charles, she is there to support him and to give

him the confidence to be the King. He is not a hugely confident man. He has not had people in his life to tell him how marvellous he is.

Throughout his first marriage to Diana, he felt inadequate because he couldn't make her happy and that made him deeply unhappy.

CALMING

But Camilla reads all his speeches, she is interested in his work, she's out there rooting for him.

That's been shown just this week with the clip of him in Northern Ireland getting stroppy over a pen that wouldn't work. She steps in. She's very good at calming him if he's in a rage.

Charles is a man who carries the weight of the world on his shoulders and he has a tendency to be quite serious. Camilla comes in with a lightness of touch, makes him laugh and makes him happy.

The granddaughter of Lord Ashcombe, she was born Camilla Shand in 1947 to Major Bruce Shand and his wife Rosalind, whose loving marriage helped shape her into the strong, down-to-earth woman she is today.

She was a very secure child growing up. She's had a hell of a lot of knocks along the way as an adult, but her foundations were rock solid. That is what enables her to be so strong.

She is an incredibly brave woman,

too. You have to be jolly brave to come through the way she has – from the affair with Charles, her own divorce, the intimate tapes of her conversations with Charles being made public, the death of Diana, and to marry Charles after all that.

But the most important person who Camilla had to win over following Charles's divorce from Diana in 1996 was the Queen herself.

The Queen's issue with Camilla was never personal. She always liked her. But she was a divorcee, someone who had rocked the image of the monarchy to its core. And she saw Camilla as the person really causing a problem in Charles and Diana's marriage and it had become a huge issue dividing the country. So she wrongly thought that Camilla had to go.

The Queen had known Camilla for a very long time when she was married to Andrew Parker Bowles. She moved in royal circles and had so

much in common with the Queen – they both loved horses and dogs.

Over time, the Queen gradually came to understand how crucial she was to Charles and eventually they became good friends.

What Camilla will do in her new role isn't yet entirely clear. What is

certain is that she will be a Queen Consort like no other. I believe she will take inspiration from the late Queen to carve out her position. She learned to take a long view and not get overly excited about something that happens today.

And, like the Queen, she keeps a close inner circle of people she trusts implicitly. Everybody who works with her loves her.

Had Camilla and Charles not stayed together, he would not be the man he is today. And if she had disappeared and stepped out of his life when the going got tough, he would not be the King Charles III we see today.

— WITH LAURA CONNOR

“She has a lightness of touch... she makes him happy”

PENNY JUNOR ON THE KING'S LOYAL WIFE AND CONSORT

Charities pay tribute to Camilla's patronage

AS president and patron of the Royal Osteoporosis Society, Camilla became the most high-profile global advocate for people living with the condition and often shared her own mother's painful experiences in a bid to help others.

The charity's chief executive Craig Jones says: “There are numerous charities, including ours, who owe a

major part of their success to her patronage and commitment.”

She was also a patron of children's charity Barnardo's. Chief executive Lynn Perry says: “We are extremely grateful to the Queen Consort for her continued support in helping us to raise awareness of the needs of vulnerable children and young

people across the UK, and to raise vital funds so that we can continue to support them.”

And Dame Esther Rantzen, who launched The Silver Line Helpline to help pensioners combat loneliness, says of Camilla, the charity's patron: “She actually referred isolated older people to The Silver Line.”



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INFLATION School dinners Schools fury over 7p rise in dinner fee

EXCLUSIVE BY NIGEL NELSON

MINISTERS have given a paltry inflation boost to free school meals of 7p.

Unions are furious at the amount, which takes the money for each lunch for children aged from four to seven from £2.34 to £2.41.

If the extra had really been intended to act as a buffer against inflation of 10%, it should have been at least 23p.

James Bowen, from the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "This is simply not enough to cover the increased costs schools are facing."

"Caterers have been finding it increasingly difficult to provide healthy, balanced meals."

All 1.25 million children in reception and Years 1 and 2 get free lunches but critics say funding has been slashed in real terms by £35million so schools must find extra from their own budgets, leaving less for textbooks and teachers.

A Government official said: "We know families are facing rising costs, which is why work continues across government to address pressure."

Bit skint? Try charity work says lender

EXCLUSIVE BY
DOMINIK LEMANSKI

A PATRONISING payday lender says doing charity work will leave you less time to fall into debt.

A blog by Lending Stream suggests: "Maybe there's a charity you could volunteer for. Doing this will not only help you feel good, but it'll distract you from spending."

The firm's website offers £200 loans at 1,333% APR over six months. Total repayment is £386.61.

Similarly, Loans 2 Go suggests using your car less and fewer luxuries like "coffee, lunch or hair or beauty treatments".

But any savings would be wiped out by the firm's hefty 770% APR. Its £550 18-month loan carries interest of £1,485.08.

The lenders did not reply to requests for comment.

Hard-up couples set for £2,500 Budget windfall



1 in 3 nurses need loans

A THIRD of NHS nurses have used payday loans to feed their families.

A survey shows 34% borrow money on crippling short-term repayment rates that can top 1,300%.

Almost half admitted skipping meals because they are so hard up – and one in 10 used a foodbank in the past year.

Researchers for NursingNotes and Nurses United UK polled 6,000 staff and found the number skipping meals is at 48% – up 8% in a year.

One nurse told the poll: "I survive using foodbanks for my three children

and fear what will happen over winter."

A colleague added: "We have been juggling finances with several maxed-out overdrafts and credit cards for some years. But we have come to a point where we can't juggle any more as the cost of living far outweighs anything we earn and owe."

"We are merely existing. It's unacceptable that in a demanding job where we are saving [lives], we are so undervalued and treated

with disrespect by the Government." Most nurses are getting a £1,400 rise which, unions say, is a below-inflation increase of just 4%.

The Royal College of Nursing wants a rise of 5% above inflation. A strike ballot will be held on October 6.

A government source said officials had put in place wider support for nurses, including 40 mental health and wellbeing hubs – and NHS England is developing a long-term workforce plan.

34%

Number of hard-up NHS nurses who have had to take out payday loans

EXCLUSIVE
BY NIGEL NELSON
Political Editor

TWO million low income couples could be in for a £2,500 boost in Friday's emergency Budget.

PM Liz Truss wants to allow the transfer of ALL personal tax allowances between married couples and civil partners where one earns below the £12,570 tax free threshold.

Now, a lower earner can "gift" £1,260 of allowance – saving £214 tax after adjustments. That could rise tenfold.

Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng is studying the figures to see whether he can afford the extra £5.8billion now – or wait until the full Budget later this year.

He will definitely axe April's National Insurance rise and reverse a planned hike in corporation tax from 19% to 25%. The joint cost will be £30billion.

A limit on bankers' bonuses, now capped at 200% of salary, is expected to go. Mr Kwarteng will also reveal how the £2,500 two-year energy bills price cap will be paid for. Jon Hickman, of auditors BDO UK, said: "Truss's proposed sweeping tax cuts will leave

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large holes in the public finances." The Chancellor could rake in easy money by raising tobacco duty in line with inflation plus 2% – lifting a £12.75 pack of cigarettes to an eye-watering £14.57.

There could be a hike in the minimum wage to £10.50 an hour. But TUC boss Frances O'Grady wants £15. She said: "Tax cuts will do nothing to jumpstart the economy. Those who profited from this crisis should pay a fair share – with a bigger windfall tax on oil and gas giants and new taxes on wealth."

The Treasury is also looking at proposals to halve VAT to 10% to stimulate spending and help reach Mr Kwarteng's target of 2.5% growth.

Pensioners will see a bumper uplift of at least 10% next year as the triple lock returns – lifting payments by the highest of inflation, earnings or 2.5%.

Retirement analyst Helen Morrissey, of Hargreaves Lansdown, predicts pensions topping £200 a week. She said: "They are in line for a record increase as long as the Government keeps its pledge on the triple lock."

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Olivia & Ashley murders link probe

Gang feud 'over drugs and cash'

EXCLUSIVE BY TOM PETTIFOR and NICK SOMMERLAD

DETECTIVES are probing suspected links between the murders of little Olivia Pratt-Korbel and Ashley Dale.

The two were shot less than 48 hours and two miles apart in Liverpool.

Initial police statements said there was no evidence of links. But a source

told the Sunday Mirror the shootings were believed to be part of a gang feud.

A second insider said it was thought they were linked to a row over drugs and money which flared up at a gig.

Council worker Ashley, 28, was shot dead at home in the Old Swan district in the early hours of Sunday, August 21.

It is understood the intended target

may have fled the country. Ashley's brother, Lewis Dunne, 16, was murdered in a case of mistaken identity in 2015.

Olivia, nine, died after a man burst into her home in Dovecot while being chased by a gunman at 10pm on August 22. Mum Cheryl was shot in the hand.

Seventeen arrests have been made in connection with the murders. No one

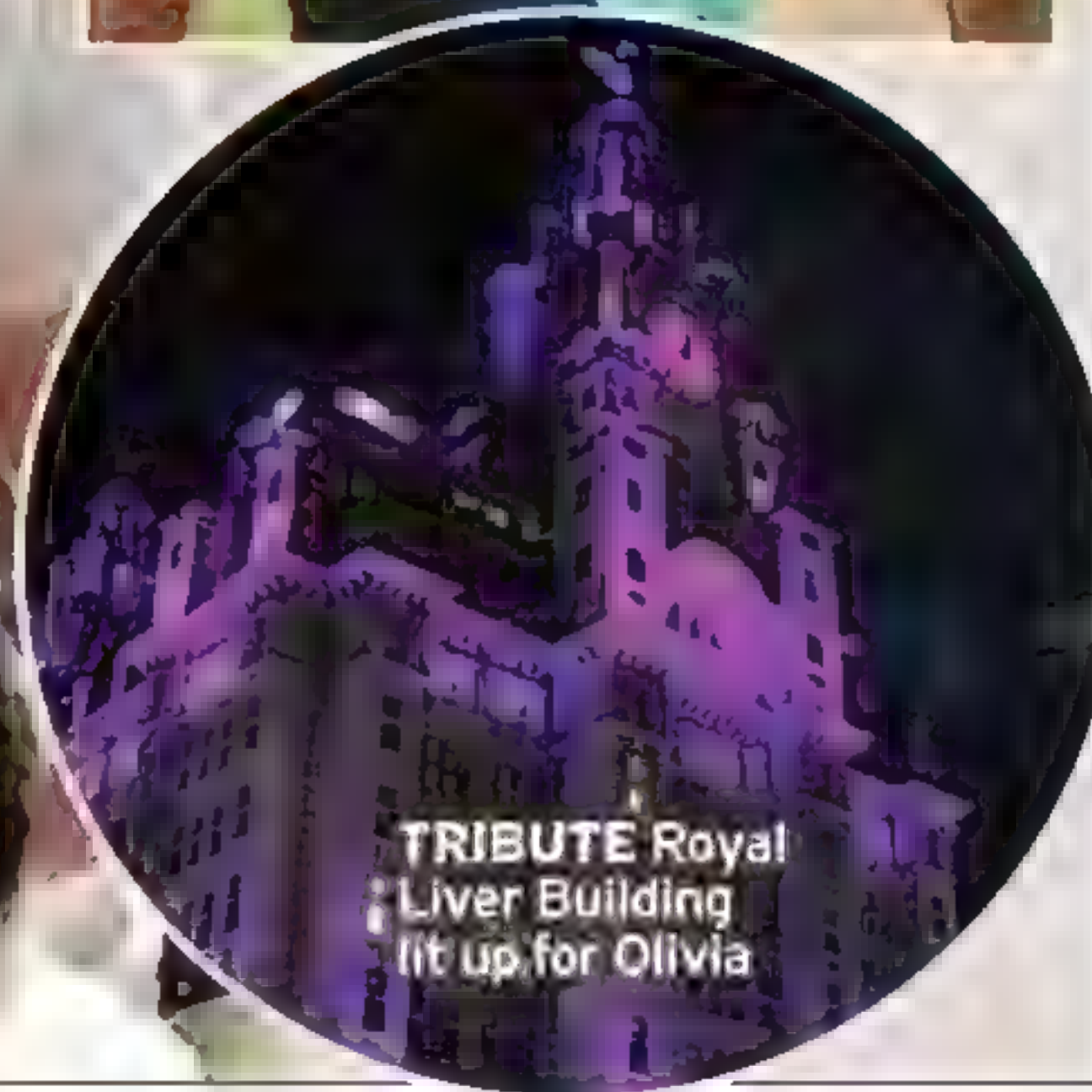
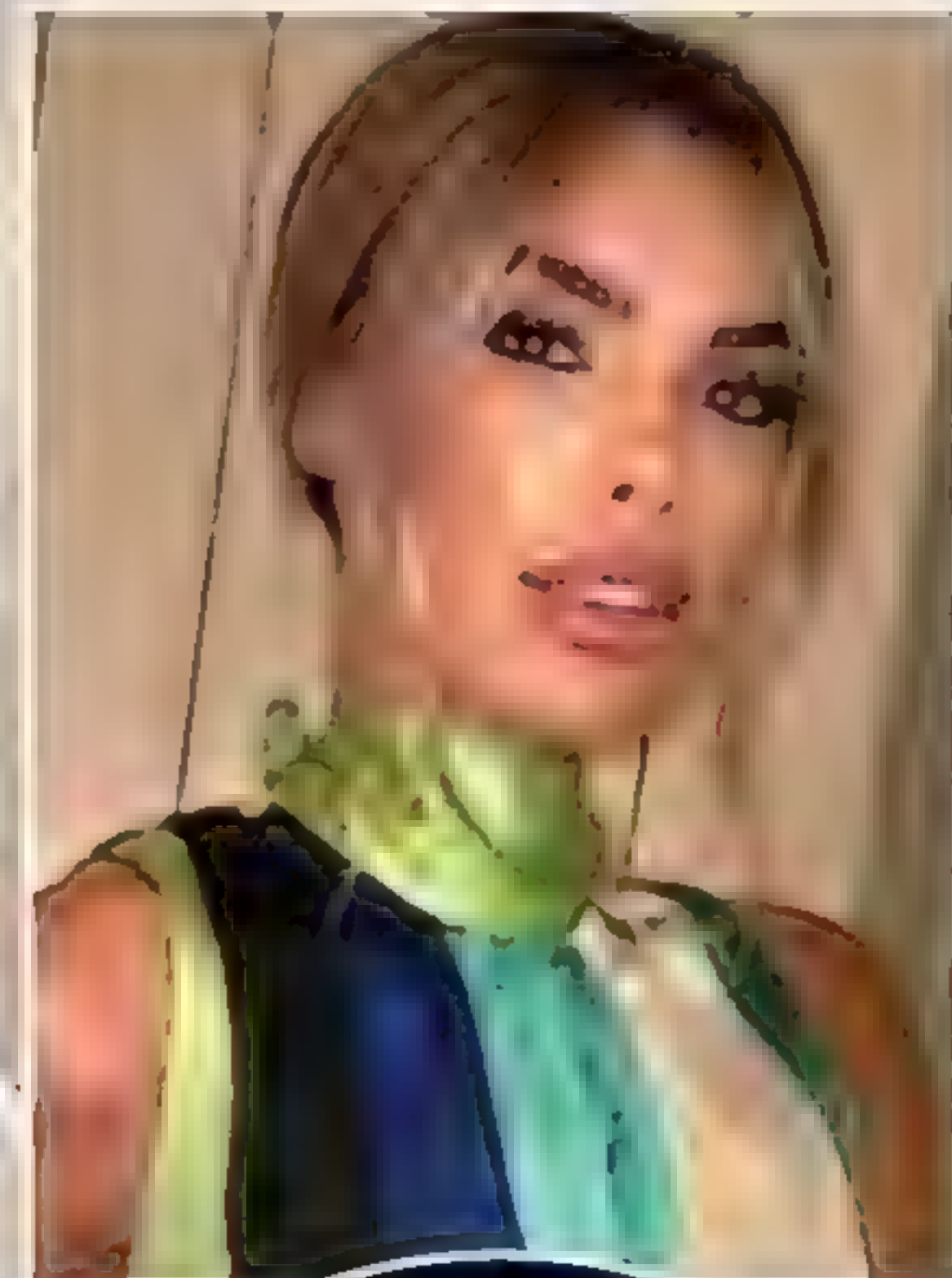
has been charged but police are understood to be confident they know the ID of the gunmen and who ordered the hits.

Ex-Met detective Peter Bleksley said: "There is a world of difference between knowing something and proving it."

Merseyside Police said: "Detectives are keeping an open mind at this stage."

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Olivia, left, & Ashley were shot at home



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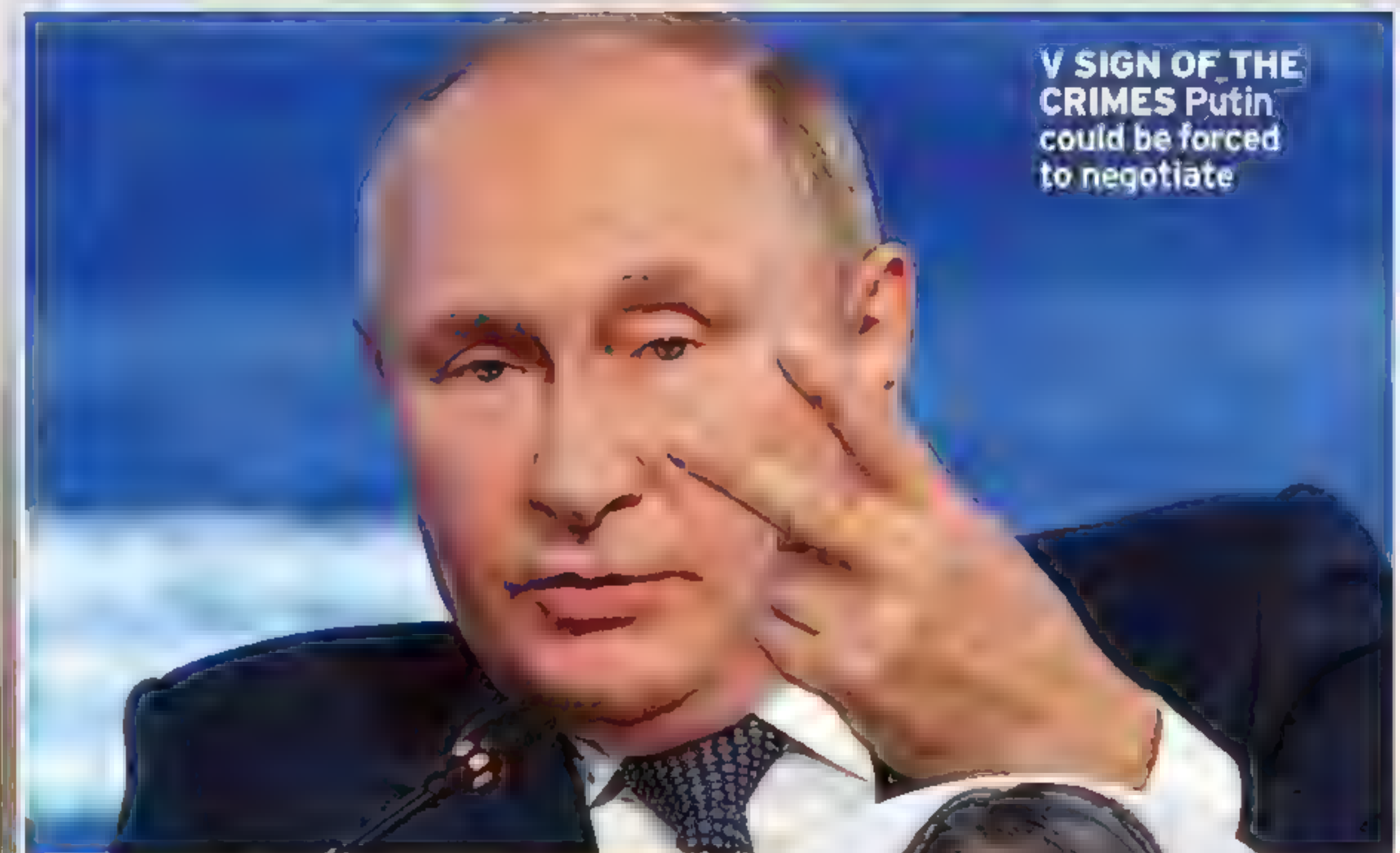
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ZELENSKY IN KEEP



EXCLUSIVE BY NIGEL NELSON
Political Editor

UKRAINE is urging Britain to turn the screw on Vladimir Putin and force him to the negotiating table by Christmas.

As Ukrainian forces push back Russian troops and recapture 3,000 square miles of territory, President Volodymyr Zelensky has proposed a 90-day plan of action that will push Russian President Putin into a corner.

Mr Zelensky wants the UK and other Western nations to:

- Confiscate Russian assets instead of just freezing them.
- Declare Putin's United Russia Party a terror organisation – just like Palestine's Hamas and Lebanon's Hezbollah.
- Enforce a no-fly zone over the Black Sea to ensure the safety of Ukraine's grain exports.
- Ban the issue of all tourist visas to Russians.

A delegation of seven British MPs including former Labour Cabinet minister Liam Byrne travelled to Kyiv to hear Mr Zelensky's plan for ending the war first-hand.

CHOICES

Mr Byrne said: "This is seen as a way of forcing many of Putin's enablers to start making choices about him."

"It may not bring him down but it will force him into a corner with nowhere else to go but to sue for peace."

"Russia has used up substantial resources for little gain. In the short-term, it cannot produce a battlefield breakthrough."

Mr Zelensky told the MPs: "British weapons are making a huge difference but the next 90 days are critical."

"Our mission is survival. There is no way out – this is our home. We are staying here whatever it takes."

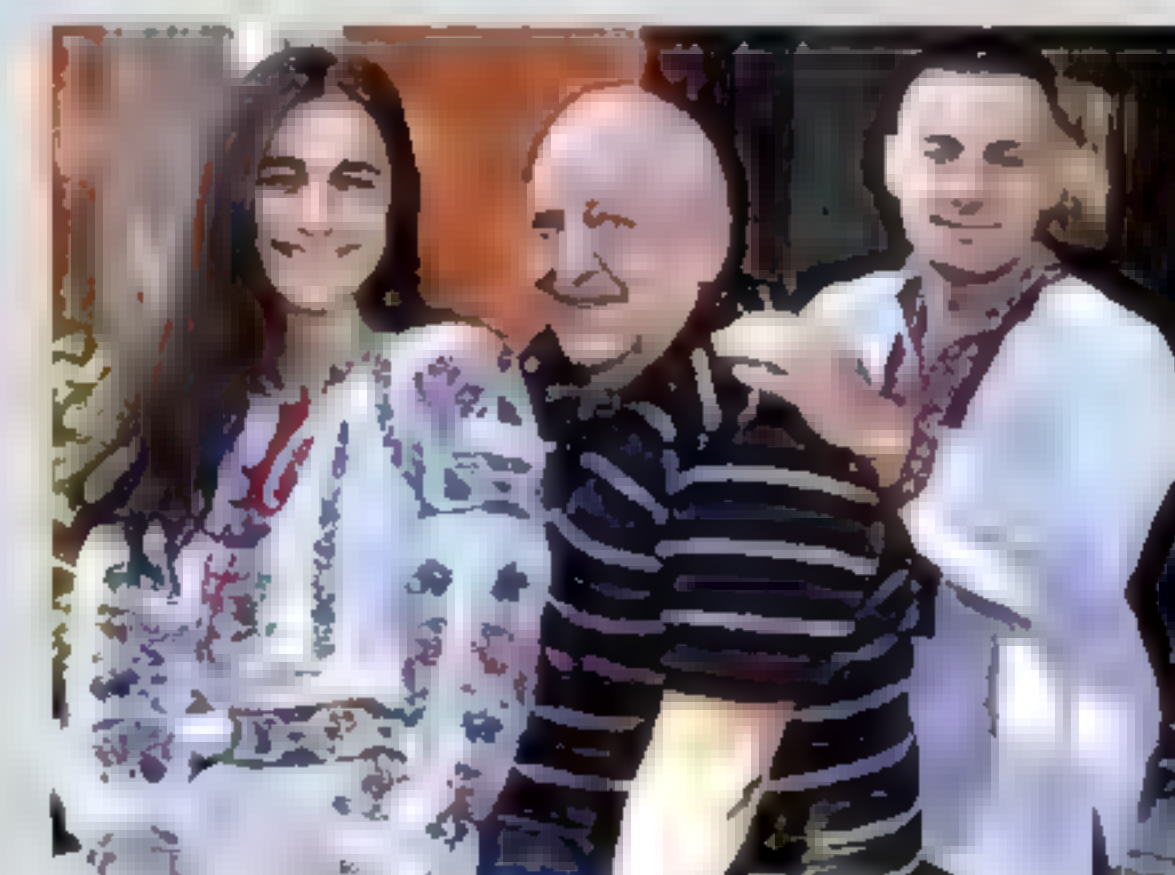
US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan added: "Zelensky has always said the war will end in negotiation, and it is up to Ukraine to decide the shape of



those negotiations." Branding United Russia a terrorist group would mean its members – including Putin – would face arrest if they ventured abroad.

Any seized Russian assets would be used to pay for reparations in Ukraine.

But Mr Byrne added: "The top priority remains weapons supply and air defences so refugees can return to start rebuilding Ukraine's economy." Ukraine



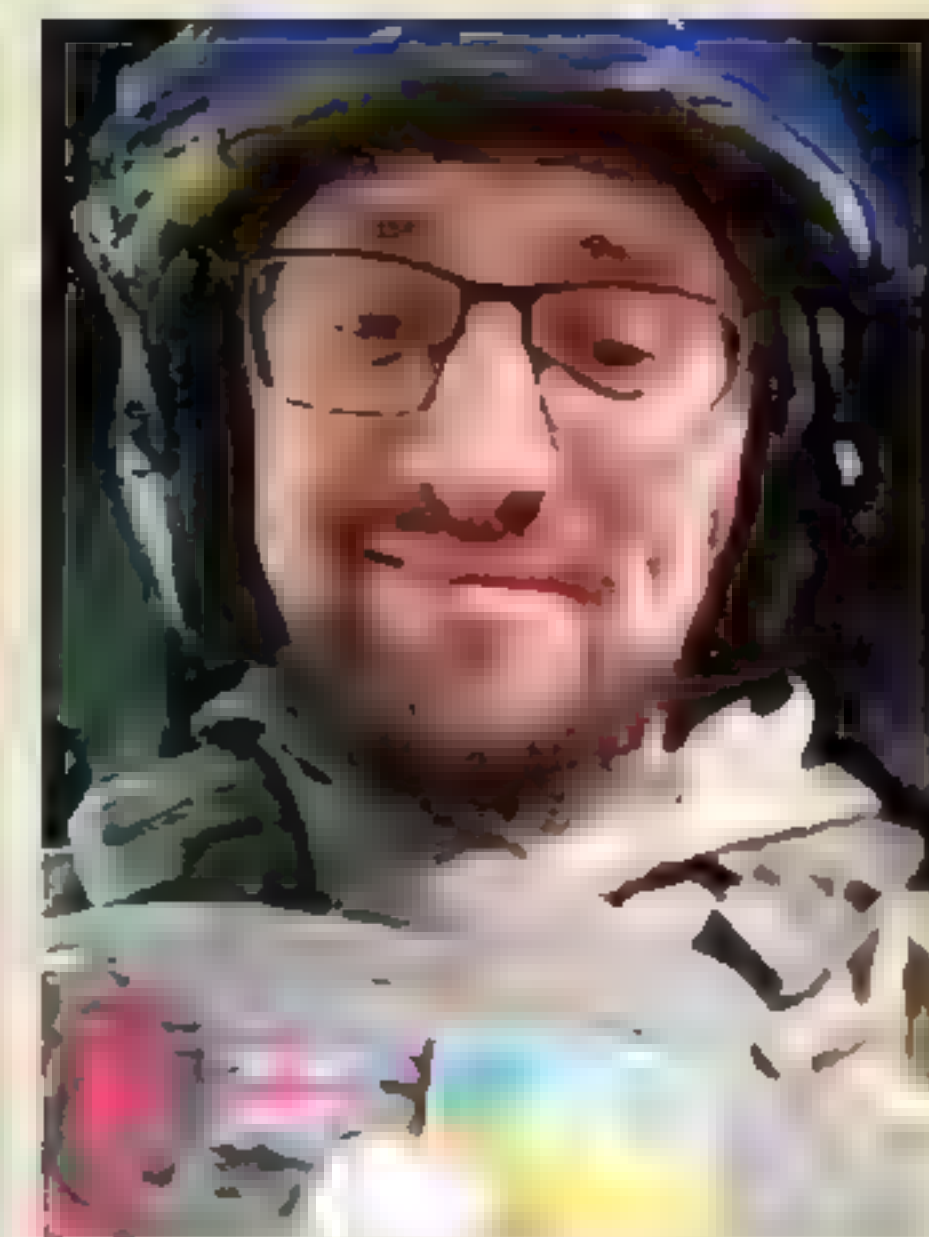
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BRAVE HEARTS President Zelensky joins troops in Izyum to see Ukrainian flag raised



HORRIFYING Mass grave found in Izyum forest



PROUD Bohdan Osadchyi

Union Jacks on uniform of liberators

BY **JOHN SIDDLE** and **KATERYNA ROMANIK**

BRAVE Ukrainian forces who regained swathes of territory last week were inspired by British flags sewn on their kit.

Fighters pinned the Union Jack to uniforms to honour the UK's unwavering support.

Soldier Bohdan Osadchyi, 30, said: "I'm proud to wear the British flag. Britain helps and supports us a lot. It gives us weapons... even my military fatigues are from Britain!"

GLORY

Bohdan and his comrades helped reclaim 25 miles of occupied territory in one day.

He said Russian fighters begged not to be killed and insisted they had never wanted to fight Putin's war.

Of recaptured Izyum, he said: "Residents, with their children, ran to meet us, tears of joy in their eyes, hugging us, shouting 'Glory to Ukraine!'"

"I was afraid those in the east support Russia but they were just so happy to see us."

Around 150,000 Ukrainians were freed from occupation in the stunning counter-attack. But there was grim evidence of brutality and atrocities.

Tank company commander Oleksandr Sarychev, 29, said the village of Udy - population 1,500 - was totally deserted.

He said: "Almost all the houses were in ruins, bodies strewn in rubble... they had no chance to survive."

urgently needs 40km short-range and 200km medium-range missiles and is looking to Germany for help.

German foreign minister Annalena Baerbock said: "It has taken a moment, but we are now delivering weapons. Air defence is coming."

Polish PM Mateusz Morawiecki said: "My deep belief is that Ukraine will win and create a new shape for Europe. What Ukraine is doing today will change the world." Former

Supreme Allied Commander Europe Wes Clark, who brought the Kosovo War to an end in 1999, told MPs: "Russia has a huge advantage in terms of forces and weapons but Ukraine can rely on international support."

Zelensky's adviser Mykhailo Podolyak said: "We were shocked with western expectations that Ukraine would lose in three days."

"It was only when we started to fight back within the week that we saw a

different Europe. It began with an understanding that Ukraine could win this war and that changed mindsets."

Moscow's Ministry of Finance has so far paid out more than £5billion to the families of 47,000 Russian soldiers killed in Ukraine. Another 150,000 have been wounded. The number of Ukrainian casualties is not known.

Last week Russian troops fled the town of Balakliya in north-eastern Ukraine in whatever transport they

could find, leaving ammunition, weapons and even clothes hanging on washing lines behind.

The UK's long-range multiple rocket launchers were used to destroy Russian supply lines, ammunition dumps and command posts in the surprise attacks.

And while Russia still controls a fifth of Ukraine, towns in the Donbas region that fell early in the war are the new focus of Kyiv's advancing forces.

Michael Clarke, ex-director of the Royal United Services Institute, said: "We are seeing the Russians being defeated, not just outmanoeuvred."

Outside the recaptured city of Izyum, in the Kharkiv province, Ukraine has begun exhuming 450 bodies found in a forest.

Some victims reportedly had their hands bound while others showed signs of torture. The majority of the dead are believed to be civilians.

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20,000 'on streets' as bills hit refugee hosts

BY **PHIL CARDY**

MORE than 20,000 refugees face homelessness this winter as UK hosts struggle with the cost of living crisis.

Some 26% of Homes for Ukraine sponsors are set to quit the scheme when their six-month pledge expires.

More than 90,000 Ukrainians are

currently living with sponsors, who receive £350 a month.

John Siddle, 72, gave up the top floor of his Victorian home in Southport, Merseyside, to law student Anastasiia Kozmina and her pharmacist partner Oleksii Danko, both 22.

Mr Siddle said: "The last thing I want

is to say they can't live here because I can't afford it. Support is needed for the thousands who opened their doors out of goodwill."

The Government said: "Sponsors will continue to receive £350 monthly 'thank you' payments for up to 12 months. We understand the pressures."



TV KYM: CURSE OF STRICTLY

'Judges are scarier than polar bears'

WILDLIFE cameraman Hamza Yassin has faced cheetahs and polar bears, but says he's more scared of the Strictly judges.

Hamza, 32, said: "I can predict what the animal is going to do to some degree. I can understand the animal behaviour whereas I don't know what the judges [will] say."

Sudan-born Hamza takes great pride in his hair, which he hasn't cut for 17 years. But he worries his locks could prove to be a pitfall... quite literally.

"I hope to do a performance where it's fully out, not where I have to spin," says Hamza.

"Hopefully it won't be a trip hazard. If I tie it up correctly then it won't be.

"One thing I'm worried about is glitter... no glitter for me.

"I work as a wildlife presenter and cameraman so glitter in my hair will be there for ever. I won't be able to go incognito."

Will: I'm on a cliff edge

WILL Mellor says being part of Strictly is "terrifying".

The ex-Coronation Street actor, 46, said: "I've been pretending I'm not doing it.

"I don't sleep well as my brain doesn't stop so to know you have potentially 13 million people watching you dance is terrifying."

When asked why he is doing it, Will said: "You feel the most alive after you step off a cliff, apparently."

Let dancing commence

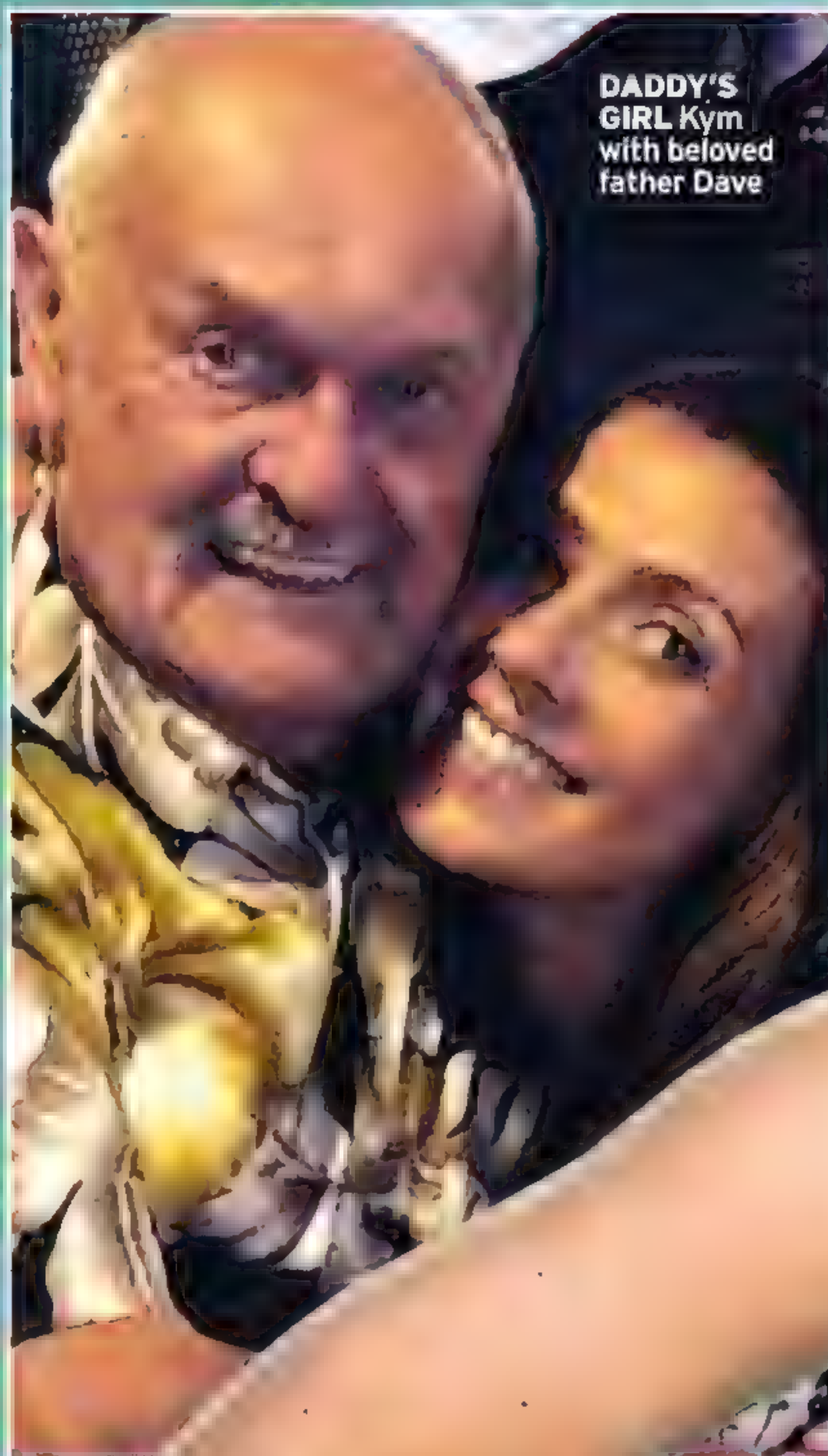
THE 20th series of Strictly Come Dancing will now launch on Friday.

It was scheduled to begin yesterday with a pre-recorded opener but it had to be changed after the Queen's death.

The celebs will be introduced to their pro dance partners on Friday at 7pm on BBC One. The first live show will be broadcast on Saturday at 6.45pm.



SUPPORTIVE Scott will be joining Kym every weekend



DADDY'S GIRL Kym with beloved father Dave

Pictures: RAY BURMISTON/BBC

BY JANINE YAQOOB
TV Editor

KYM Marsh is very much on her guard against the dreaded curse of Strictly Come Dancing.

That's the jinx that wrecks the marriages or long-term relationships of celebrity or pro dancers when they get too close to their on-screen partners.

Kym, 46, feels well-protected against that possibility – as her hubby Scott Ratchiff will be joining her every weekend in London when she is due to dance.

But the mum-of-three says soldier Scott will have to fight it out with other family members to join the studio audience.

Kym explains: "He might not be at every show because there'll be a lot of people wanting to come.

"But he'll be with me every weekend as that's when we see each other. He lives and works in the barracks during the week so our weekends will now be here.

"It'll be nice for him to not make the journey all the way to the north."

Former Coronation Street star Kym will

be splitting her time between her Cheshire home and the Strictly studios.

She and Scott, 34, a major in the Parachute Regiment, wed in October after a four-month engagement.

She later revealed the reason for their haste was because her dad Dave, 77, had been diagnosed with terminal prostate cancer – and it was also his illness that prompted her to finally sign up for Strictly.

Kym, a host on BBC One show Morning Live, says: "I'd been asked to do Strictly before but I never thought it was the right time.

"My dad got diagnosed with untreatable cancer last March and I've just decided to grab everything while I can. Without being melancholy, we don't know how long we've got him for so you've got to make the most of these situations.

"My dad's diagnosis does change

GIVE US A TWIRL
Kym tries one of her glamorous Strictly outfits

"I decided to get married and to go on the show after my dad got cancer"

KYM MARSH ON A YEAR OF BIG CHANGES IN HER LIFE



LINE-UP EastEnders' James Bye, Loose Women host Kaye Adams, actor Will Mellor, comedian Ellie Taylor, cameraman Hamza Yassin, comedian Jayde Adams, BGT finalist Molly Rainford

WON'T WRECK MY MARRIAGE

My husband will be with me every step of the way



DEFIANT Simmonds hits back at bullies

Ellie: I won't let the trolls get me down

PARALYMPIAN swimmer Ellie Simmonds has revealed she has been targeted by vile trolls online ahead of the new series of Strictly.

But Ellie, who has five Paralympic gold medals, refuses to let the bullies ruin the fact she will become the show's first contestant with dwarfism.

Ellie said: "Some people have said, 'How's the dwarf going to dance?' 'It's sad... it does get to you. But from that one comment, there are so many other amazing comments.'"

Ellie, 27, who was named BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year when she was just 14, told how she has received good luck

messages from all over the world during the build-up to Friday's launch.

"People have reached out to me," she said. "It's been so touching."

"I never thought I'd do Strictly. When I got the call I was, like,

'Wow'. If only I had this as a child, watching someone with dwarfism on a dancing show..."

"I did wonder whether I should do it, then I thought I'd take a leap of faith. You don't know until you try."

"It's so out of my comfort zone. I'm used to wet hair, chlorine and swimming costumes!"

Ellie was thrilled to find that the Strictly team had adapted the studio to fit her needs.

"They got me a smaller clothes rail," she says. "It's little things like that to make me comfortable."

Ellie has also been getting dance tips from US reality star Terra Jolé, 42, who also has dwarfism and went on America's Strictly spin-off, Dancing with the Stars in 2016.

She said: "I'm not going to be like any other celeb, with that partnership where you can hold each other."

"But if I can do it, there are going to be so many others out there watching it thinking, 'I can do it'."

“Being a grandma changed me and I love it

KYM ON ENJOYING HER GROWING FAMILY

when they started rehearsing for their group number. For Kym, it was a shock to the system.

She says: "We're under no illusion - it's hard work. To say I'm a sweaty mess is an understatement. Everything's hurting!"

It is 21 years since Kym became a household name, thanks to the ITV talent show Popstars.

She found fame in the band Hear'Say, alongside Myleene Klass, 44, Suzanne Shaw, 40, Danny Foster, 43, and Noel Sullivan, 42.

So does being a former pop star give her an advantage on the Strictly dance floor? Kym thinks not.

"People say I've danced before with Hear'Say, but that's a completely different kettle of fish," she says.

"That was prancing around on stage - ballroom is so different. It's so out of my comfort zone." Kym, who has

children David, 27, Emilie, 25, and Polly, 11, from previous relationships, welcomed her second grandson Clayton into the family just three weeks ago. The first, Teddy, is now two.

"Teddy calls me yaya," she says. "He did it naturally - it's Greek for grandma. I chose an alternative name at the beginning because I didn't want the 'grandma' name. I had a meltdown about it!"

"But I love being a grandma. My friends said it would change me and it really has. My latest is three weeks old... he's gorgeous. He lives with me while they're waiting for their house to go through so I get all the cuddles."

"I'm doing Strictly for all the grannies out there!"

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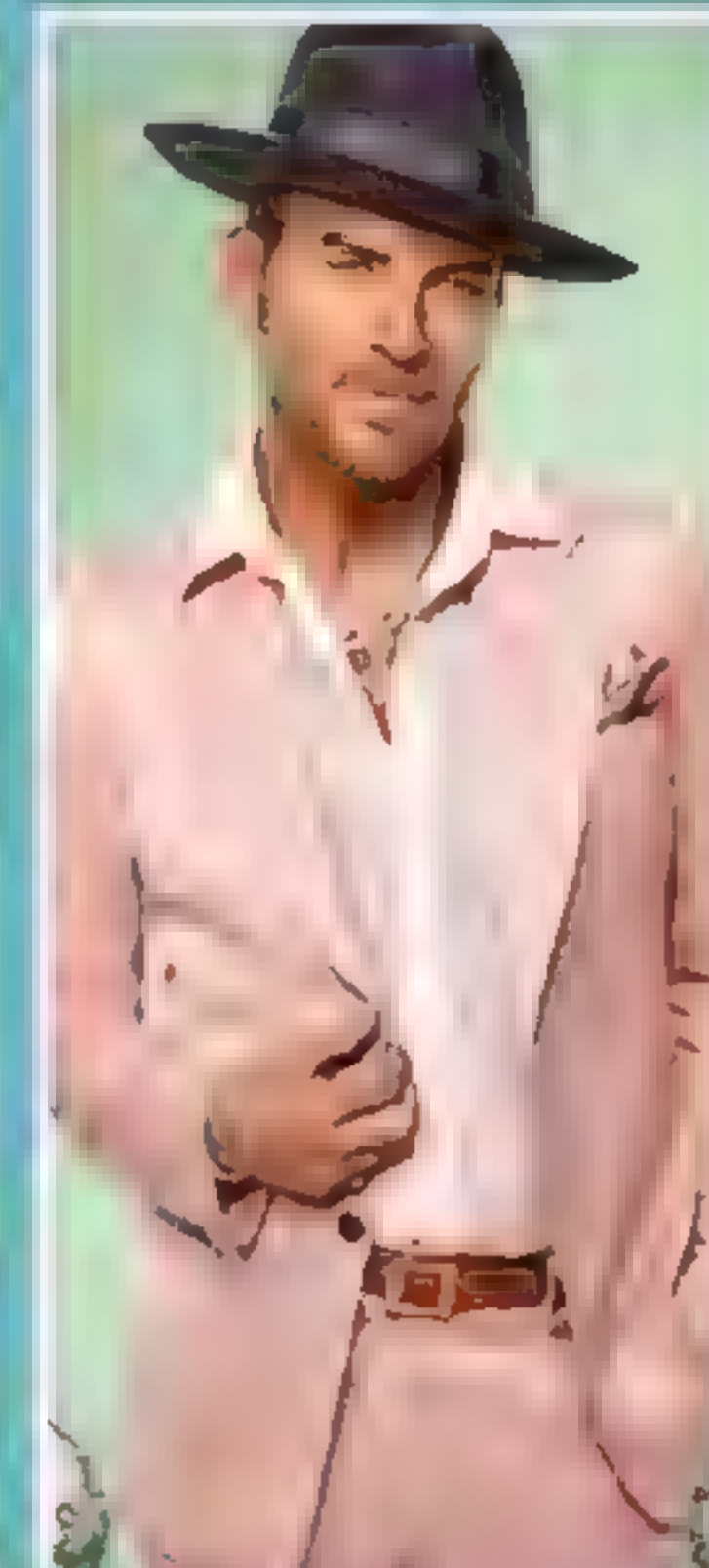
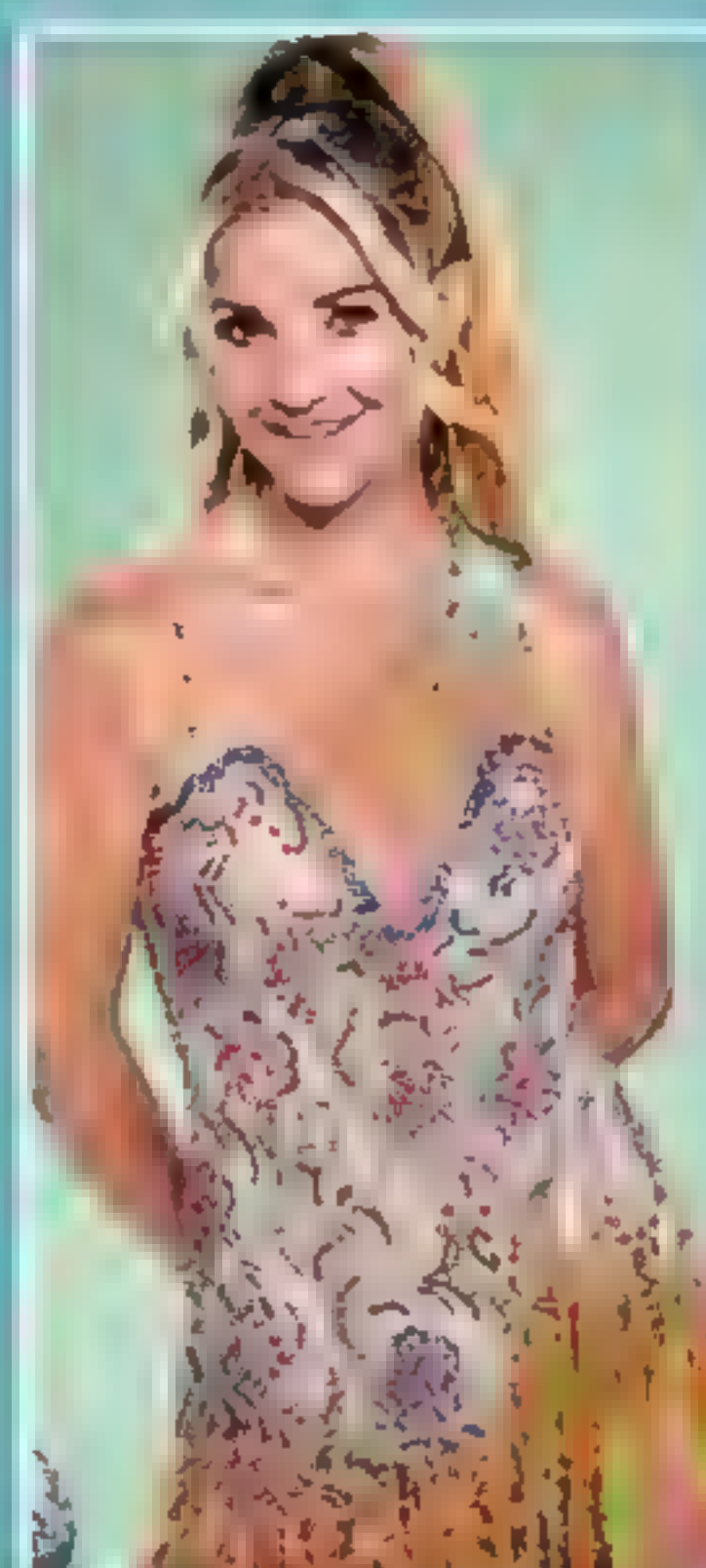
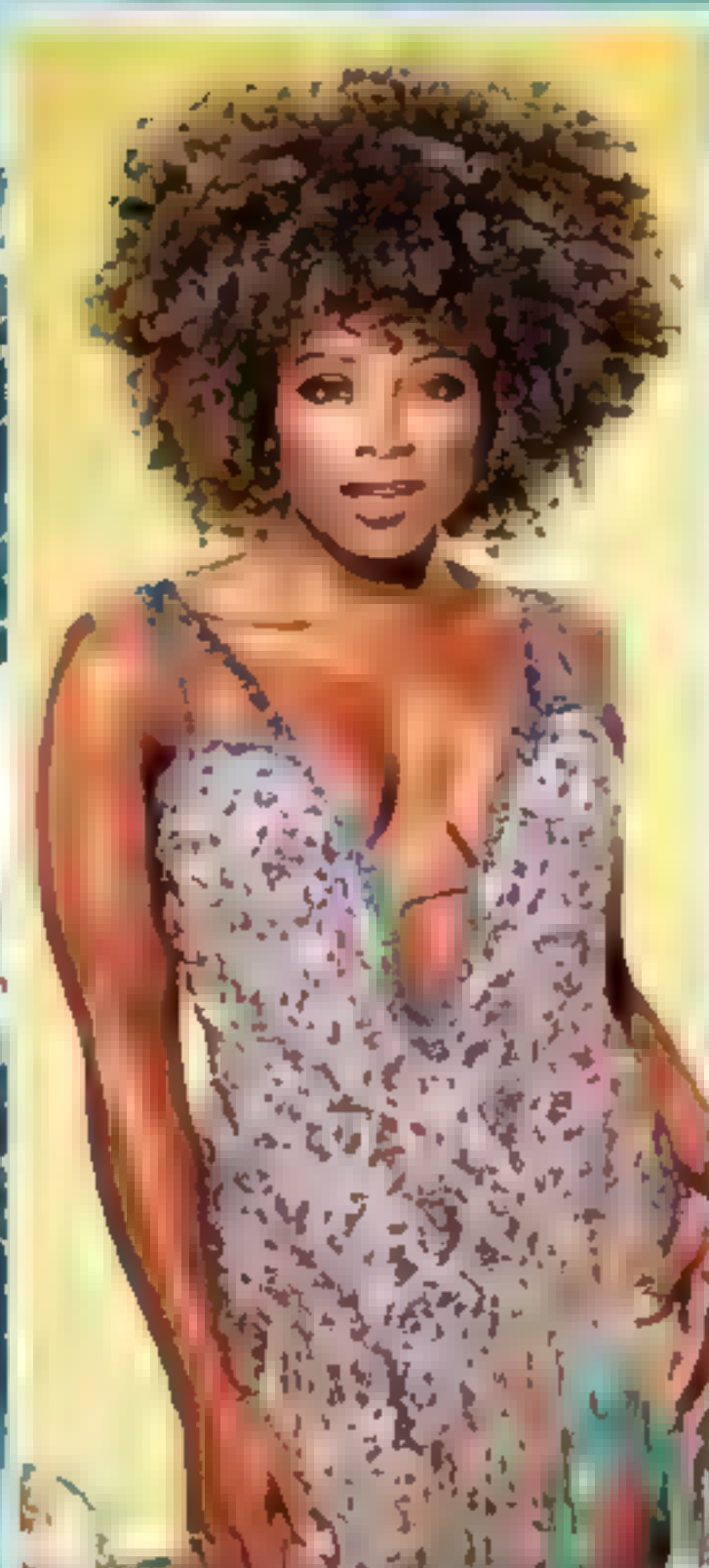
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SOAP STAR In a scene from Corrie



POP SINGER With Hear'Say bandmates



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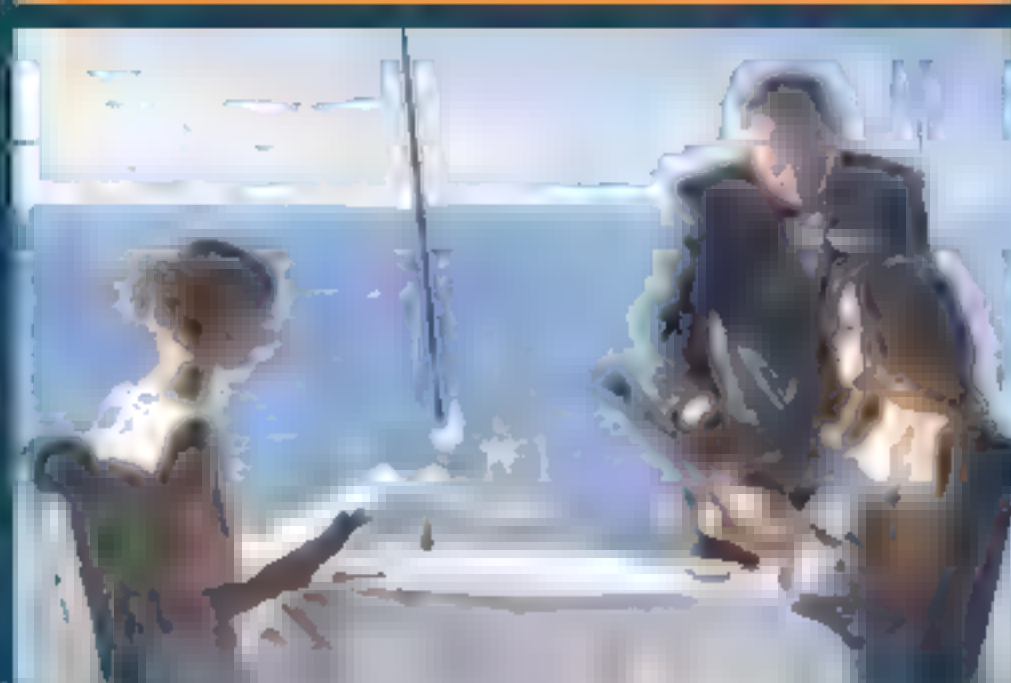
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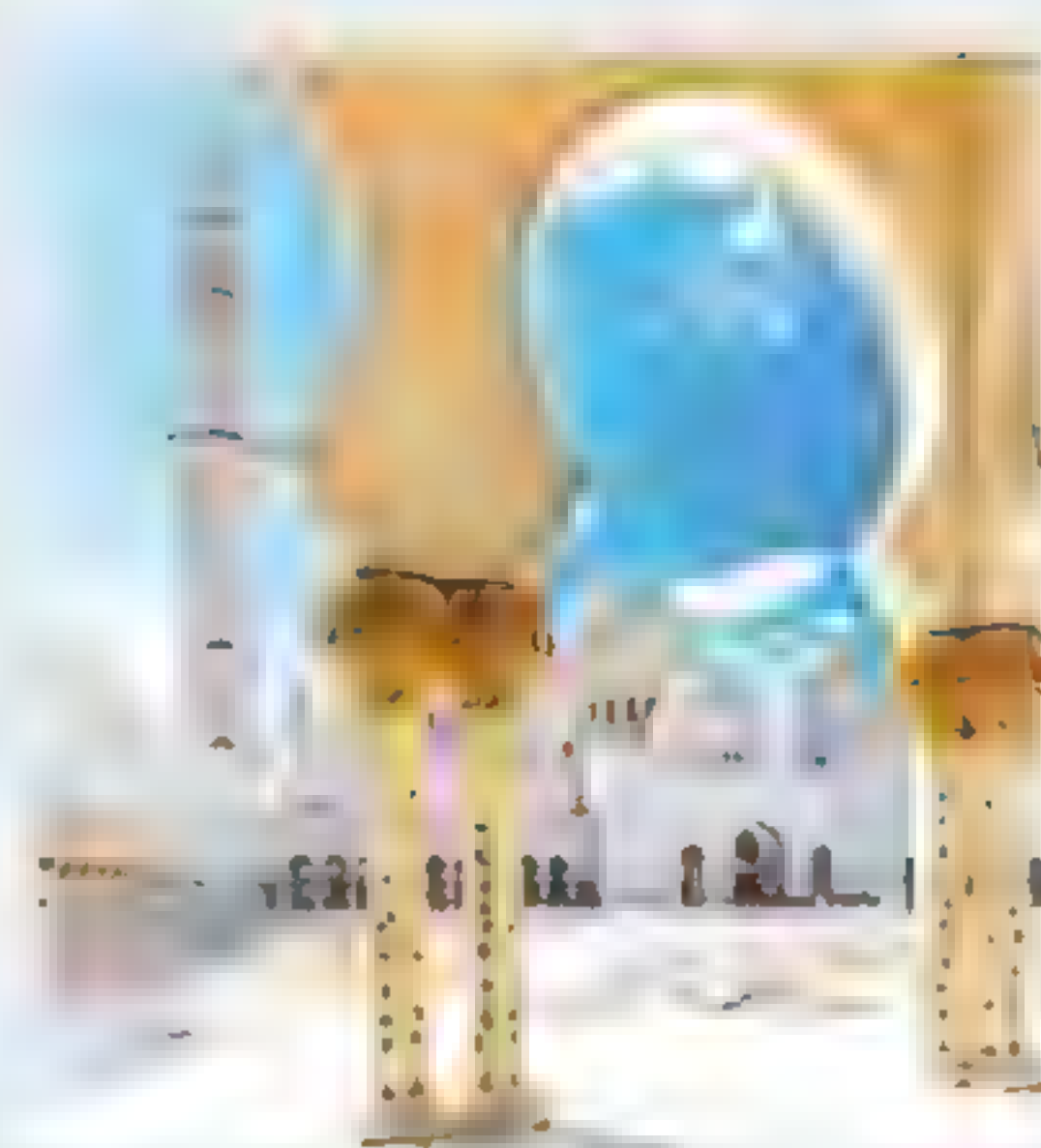
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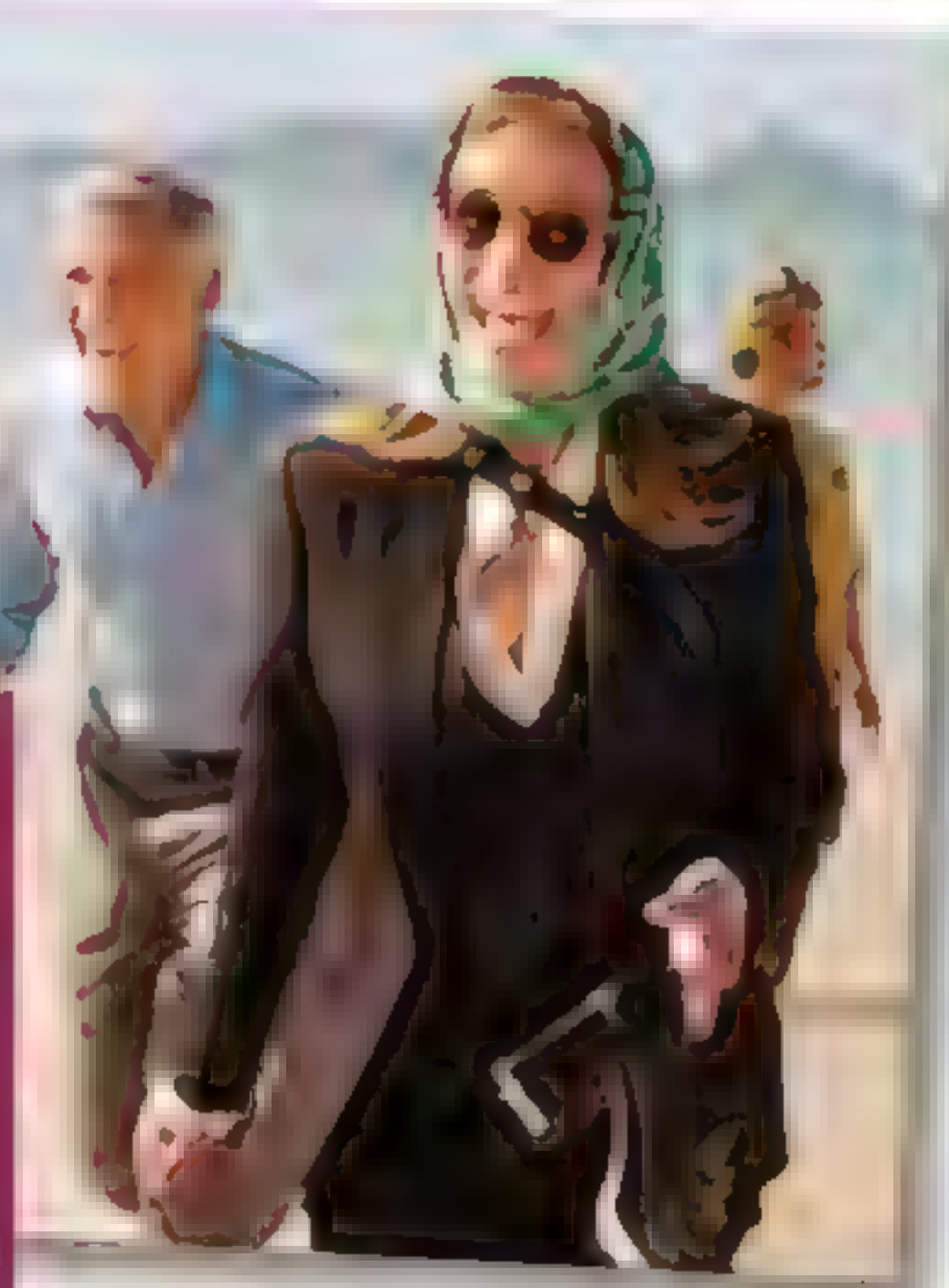
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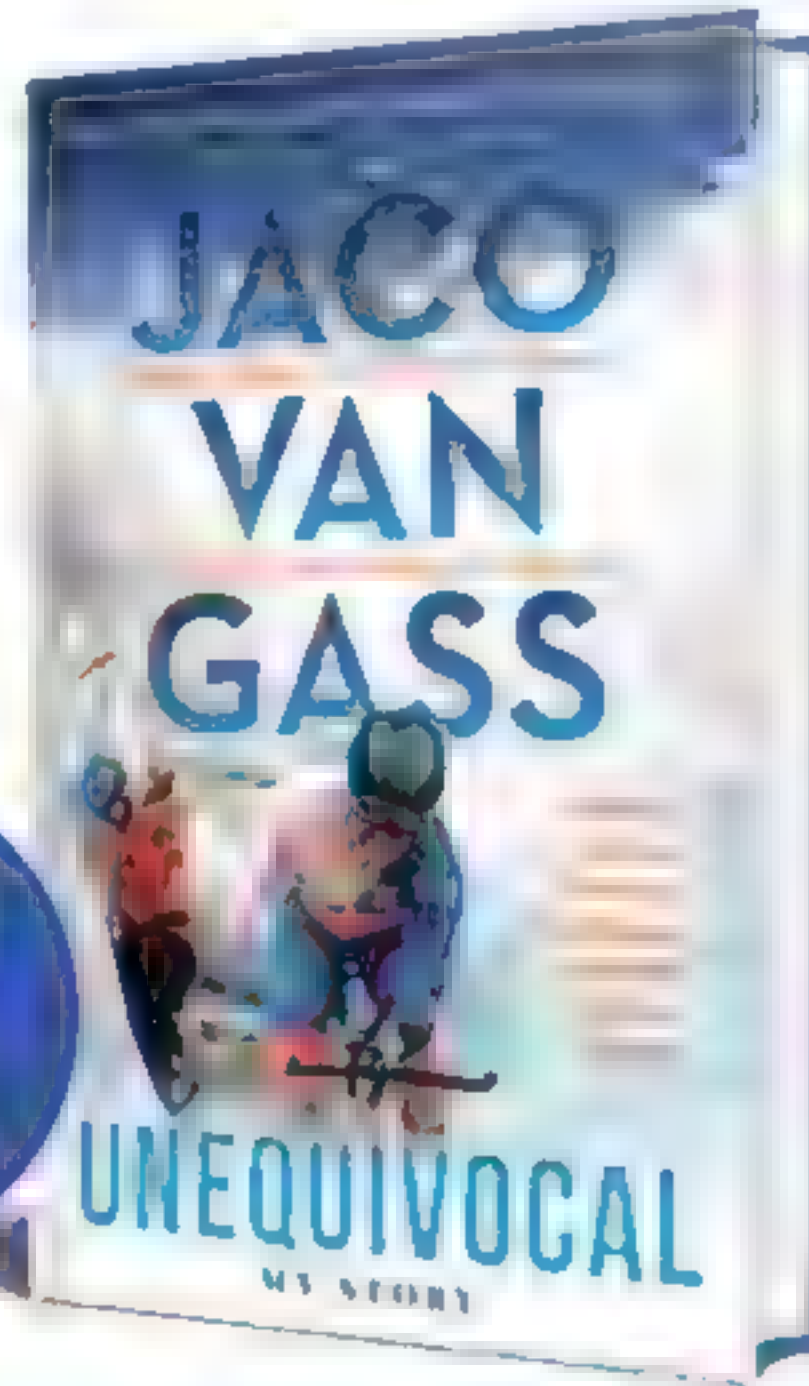


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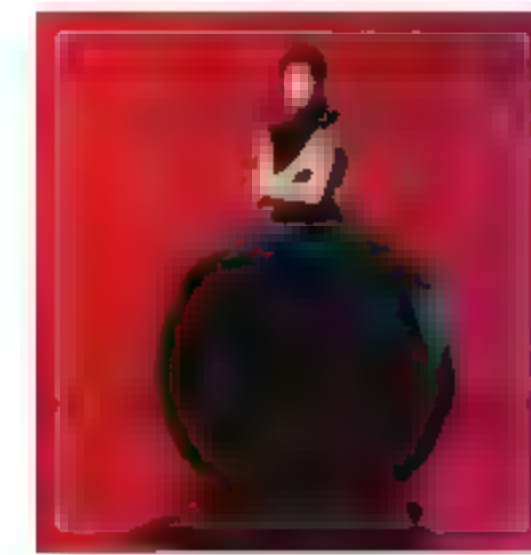
This punky masterpiece proves the years haven't mellowed Brett Anderson. Few frontmen could conceive a hook as simple yet brilliant as "will you be my personality disorder?" Even when he comes up for air in Drive Myself Home, he delivers unerring danger and it's intoxicating. Up there with Suede's finest work.



NOAH CYRUS

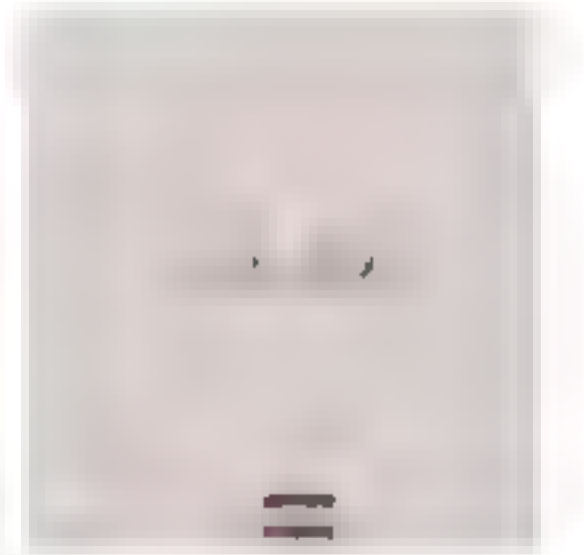
The Hardest Part ★★★★★

Miley's little sister is no less talented or complex. Having overcome a prescription drug problem, she's created an eloquent, mature album that pays homage to her Nashville roots. Her brooding country folk drawl and smart lyrical observations, with simple yet effective acoustic, slide and pedal steel guitar, make this an understated gem.

RINA
SAWAYAMA

Hold The Girl ★★★★★

Madonna producer Stuart Price elevates Rina's sophisticated hi-NRG bangers and sweeping ballads to the next level. On This Hell, she sounds like a more soulful, less calculated Lady Gaga but it's the heart-wrenching hair metal-esque drama dominating slowies like Phantom that will see her playing stadiums soon.

MARCUS
MUMFORD

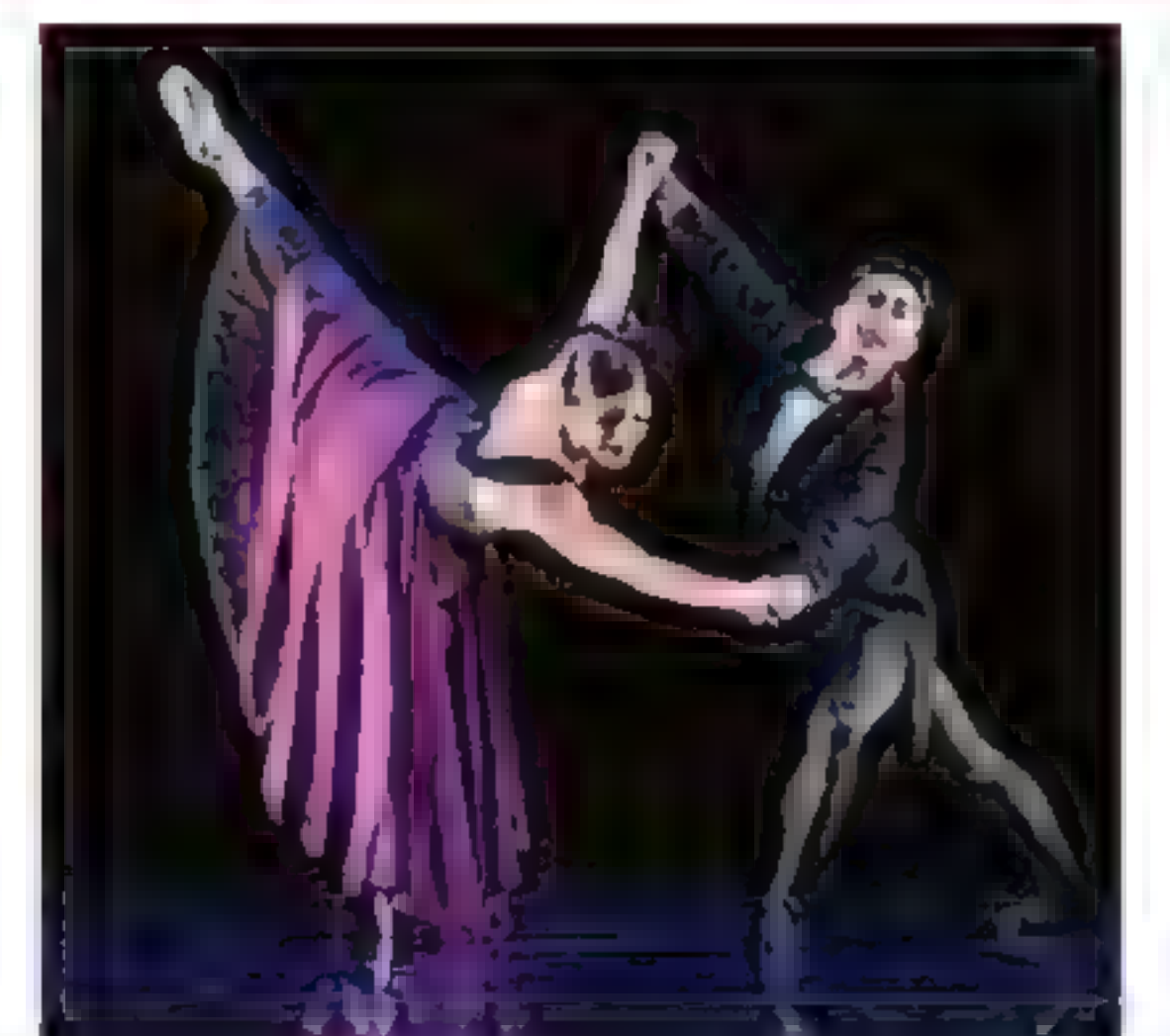
(Self-Titled) ★★★★★

A darker, unflinchingly personal solo debut that's a world away from Marcus' band, in spirit at least. The rawness of his lyrics can jar on the softer country/folk outings but, when he unleashes rage on Better Off High and Grace, it all makes sense. Phoebe Bridgers adds beauty to the Johnny Cash-like highlight Stonecatcher.

STAGE STEFAN KIRCHGESS

LES BALLETS
TROCKADERO DE
MONTECARLO ★★★★★UK tour until October 29
trockadero.org

Ballet is a grand and glorious thing - and often rather serious. Not so when the 'Tocks' are on stage. The all-male company sassily spoofs classical and modern dance with hilarious aplomb, resplendent with wonderful 'drag' names from Minnie van Driver to the Legupski brothers.



The chaps have been merrily mangling the classics since 1974 but their schtick always sticks its landing because of love for the art form and respect for the technique. Among pratfalls and visual gags, they also flourish some fabulous forms, never more on point than when they are en pointe.

Guffaws rang out constantly at the Peacock Theatre as they roasted Swan Lake throughout Act I, sensationally led by Vavara Laptopova (Takaomi Yoshino) reeling off stunning leaps and turns while mugging merrily to the crowd.

Equally impressive is scene-stealing solo The Dying Swan performed by Olga Supphozova, aka Robert Carter. He has been with the troupe since 1995 and brings the house down with every arthritic twitch and gurning groan amid extraordinary finesse. Sensational!

The tour also includes the barnstorming Raymonda's Wedding, ditching the serious plot for the happy ending via divine dancing. Do not miss.

SIX ★★★★★

Vaudeville Theatre
sixthemusical.com

The six unfortunate wives of Henry VIII find their voices in a right royal triumph that mixes impressive her-storical facts and insight with wit, heart and seriously brilliant tunes.



After three years ruling over London's West End, the musical has six new leads for the first time and the great joy is seeing how they bring fabulous fresh facets to the roles.

Returning fans (guilty as charged) sing along to every line, while my 12-year-old novice niece beamed and bounced in her seat throughout this irresistibly euphoric celebration of girl power. I'd give it six stars if I could.

SUNDAY PUZZLES



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Quizword & Crossword

Two sets of clues, two different answers - all on the same grid. Choose one or the other.

Quizword

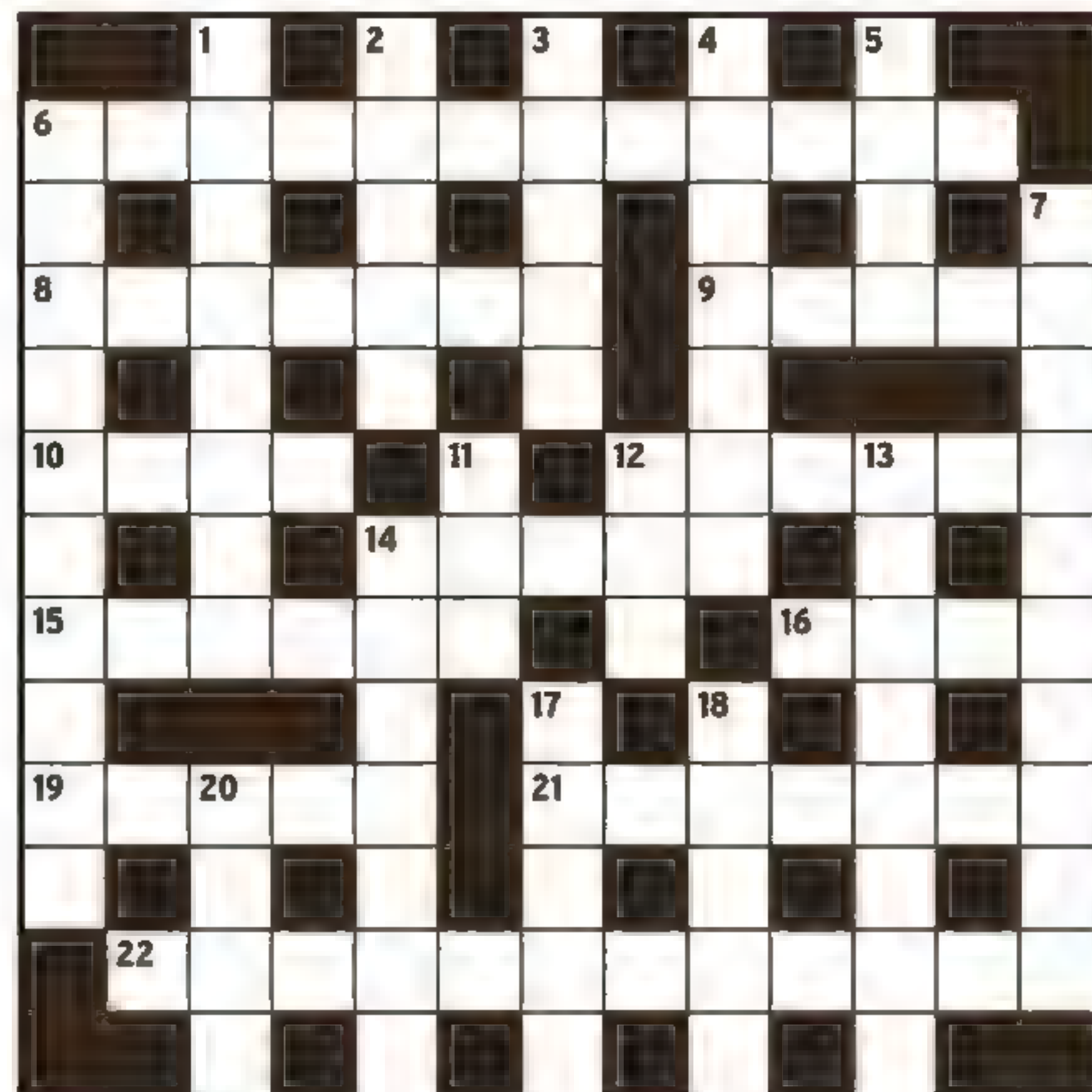
ACROSS

- 6 and 10**
Organisation founded as the East London Christian Mission by William Booth in 1865 (3,9,4)
- 8** Anatomical term for the back of the head (7)
- 9** Jean -, F1 motor racing driver who won the 1995 Canadian GP (5)
- 10 See 6 Across**
- 12** Former situation on a golf green in which an opponent's ball blocked the line between the hole and the ball about to be played (6)
- 14** University city in Veneto, NE Italy; setting for much of the William Shakespeare play *The Taming of the Shrew* (5)
- 15** Dick -, vice president of the United States from 2001-09 (6)
- 16** Official language of Pakistan also spoken in India (4)
- 19** Lindsay -, actress who played Maggie Peyton in 2005 family film *Herbie: Fully Loaded* (5)
- 21 and 22**
2001 volume of short stories by John Mortimer (7,5,3,4)

DOWN

- 1** John -, winner of the 1973 US Open singles tennis championship (8)

- 2** Brownish-grey colour whose name derives from the French word for mole (5)
- 3** Steve -, actor who starred as Eric Bishop in 2009 comedy-drama film *Looking for Eric* (5)
- 4** State capital of Georgia, USA (7)
- 5** The -, 1979 film drama starring Bette Midler and Alan Bates (4)
- 6** Lancashire-born US painter whose works include 1833's *The Titan's Goblet* (6,4)
- 7** 2014 Grand National-winning horse (6,2,2)
- 11** Stratovolcano in the Chilean Andes, west of Yulton Lake (3)
- 12** Josef -, son-in-law of Antonin Dvorak and composer of the symphony *Asrael* (3)
- 13** Aromatic Mediterranean plant with small pale purple flowers (8)
- 14** Strip cartoon by Charles M Schulz that ran from 1950-2000 (7)
- 17** Shane -, Australia-born former Bristol, Northampton and Worcester rugby union fly-half (5)
- 18** D L -, England cricketer who scored the first century in an ODI (5)
- 20** Back part of a golf club head where it bends to join the shaft (4)



Crossword

ACROSS

- 6** Kitchen item (6,6)
- 8** Pirate (7)
- 9** Shade of blue (5)
- 10** Norse god (4)
- 12** Tranquil (6)
- 14** Conceals (5)
- 15** Lumberjack (6)
- 16** Plant part (4)
- 19** Keen (5)
- 21** Cruel, brutal (7)
- 22** Indifferent (12)

DOWN

- 1** British money (8)
- 2** Homeless dog (5)

- 3** Smug smile (5)
- 4** Gets away (7)
- 5** Bill of fare (4)
- 6** Completely false story (4,2,4)
- 7** Resolute (10)
- 11** Ventilate (3)
- 12** Diocese (3)
- 13** Calculate without measuring (8)
- 14** Earshot (7)
- 17** Alcohol made from apples (5)
- 18** Woolly animal (5)
- 20** Hereditary unit (4)

Two-speed coffeebreak

Two sets of clues - but the answers are the same.

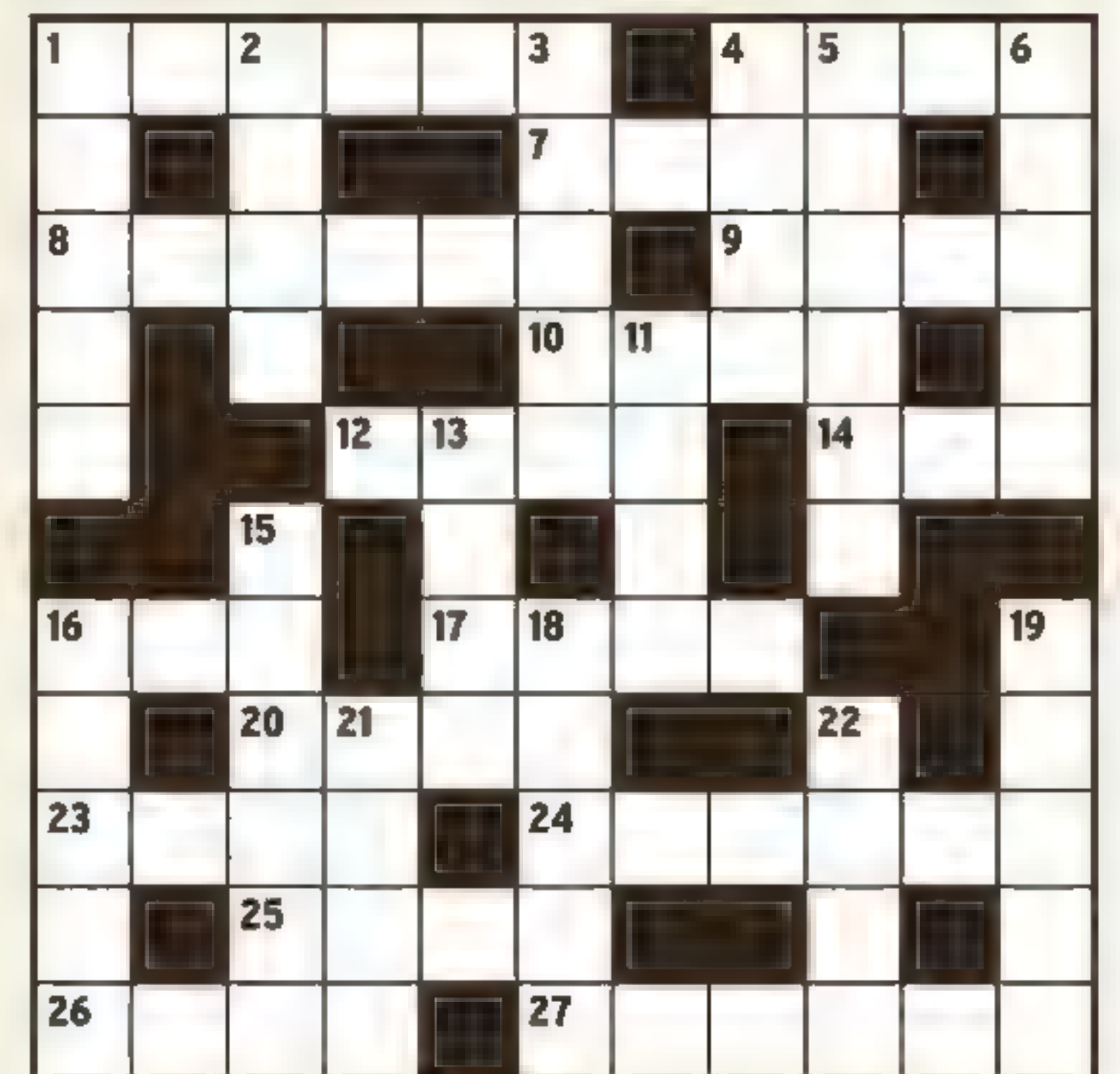
Cryptic clues

ACROSS

- 1** Cleric is equal to boy (6)
- 4** Uncovered animal in report (4)
- 7** Time to order something (4)
- 8** Register for a large drink (6)
- 9** Book's self-dedication (4)
- 10** Burn the tea right (4)
- 12** Pale sort of request (4)
- 14** Maiden's assistance (3)
- 16** Low-flying bird (3)
- 17** Honest old writer (4)
- 20** Be fond of counterpart (4)
- 23** Garish obscure start is missing (4)
- 24** Ranted about being passionate (6)
- 25** Doctor finds rings inside entrance (4)
- 26** Owing to student conflict (4)
- 27** Steps that may be taken? (6)

DOWN

- 1** Plate shaped like flower part (5)
- 2** Dance film (4)
- 3** Pleasant having European relative (5)
- 4** Wager with a foreign character (4)
- 5** A lesson is corrupt (6)
- 6** Journalist gets soldiers to improve (5)
- 11** Hear about animal (4)
- 13** Search for image (4)
- 15** Mention everything due to change (6)
- 16** Looked in dog ledger (5)
- 18** Woman has fruit left (5)
- 19** Alter design afterwards (5)
- 21** Lazy-sounding hero (4)
- 22** Incline towards nurse (4)



Quick clues

ACROSS

- 1** Clergy member (6)
- 4** Naked (4)
- 7** Unit (4)
- 8** Triple (6)
- 9** Volume (4)
- 10** Cleaning lady (4)
- 12** Entreaty (4)
- 14** Help (3)
- 16** Nocturnal creature (3)
- 17** Unwrap (4)
- 20** Enjoy (4)
- 23** Noisy (4)
- 24** Fervent (6)
- 25** Portal (4)
- 26** Contest (4)
- 27** Rip in tights (6)

DOWN

- 1** Piece of blossom (5)
- 2** Stagger (4)
- 3** Female relation (5)
- 4** Greek letter (4)
- 5** Unprincipled (6)
- 6** Correct (5)
- 11** Small mammal (4)
- 13** Regard (4)
- 15** Refer (6)
- 16** Leered (5)
- 18** Gem (5)
- 19** Subsequently (5)
- 21** Object of worship (4)
- 22** Look after (4)

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The name game

Hidden in the grid is the name of a rock band. Answer the questions, then rearrange the letters corresponding to your answers to fill in the name.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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BOX1: Which of the following occurs on June 24th?

- International Fairy Day (E)
International Dragon Day (C)
International Tolkien Day (P)

BOX2: In which century did the Wars of the Roses occur?

- 15th century (A)
16th century (E)
17th century (Y)

BOX3: From what is the dish polenta made?

- Mincemeat (Z)
Oatmeal (R)
Cornmeal (A)

BOX4: Which book was written by Nigella Lawson?

- How To Be A Domesticated Multi-Millionaire (K)
How To Be A Domestic Goddess (E)
How To Use Domestos (V)

BOX5: Which of these fish is also known as the St Pierre?

- Turbot (Y)
Blue tang (Z)
John Dory (R)

BOX6: The coastline of the Algarve lies on which major body of water?

- Atlantic Ocean (C)
Mediterranean Sea (Z)
Pacific Ocean (V)

BOX7: What type of fruit is also known as Reine Claudes?

- Greengage (F)
Gooseberry (T)
Rhubarb (Y)

BOX8: Stephen Dedalus was the literary alter ego of which author?

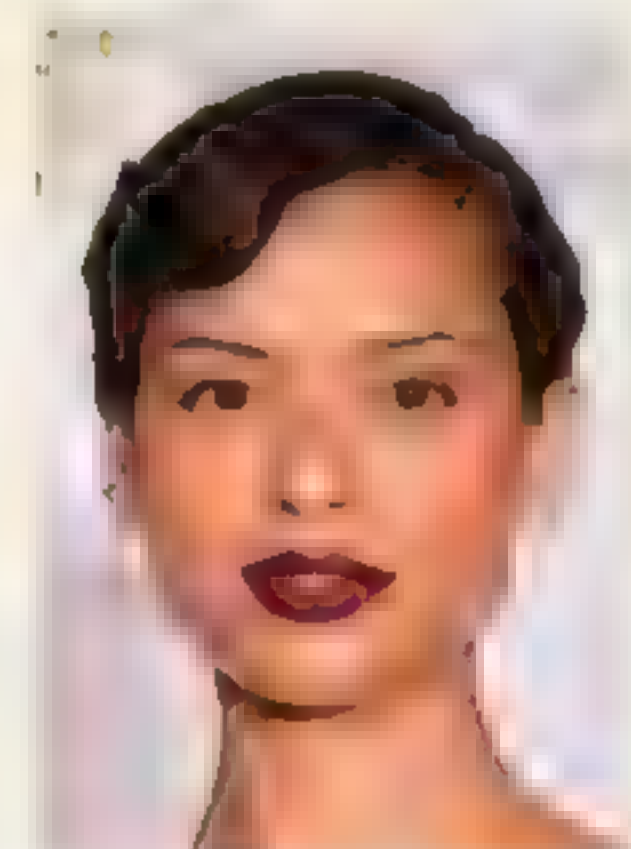
- George Orwell (G)
James Joyce (R)
Joseph Heller (P)

BOX9: Fir Park is which Scottish football team's home ground?

- Glasgow Rangers (W)
Motherwell (I)
Heart of Midlothian (Z)

BOX10: Gugu Mbatha-Raw (pictured) starred with Mackenzie Davis in 'San Junipero', an acclaimed episode in which sci-fi series?

- Dark (J)
Black Mirror (D)
Altered Carbon (M)



30-sec brain teaser

Boost your brain power with our 30-second test. Start with the number on the left and follow the instructions. Beginners should aim to complete the puzzle in 30 seconds. Intermediates should finish their own puzzle and the Beginner's Challenge. Genius players have 30 seconds to complete their own plus the Intermediate. Good luck! Solutions in next week's Sunday Mirror

BEGINNER									
29	+19	÷4	-5	×6	+13	3/11 of this	Reverse the digits	÷3	ANSWER
32	×6	-37	80% of this	+47	2/3 of this	-96	×4	+53	ANSWER
ADVANCED									
152	Increase by 75%	+72	5/13 of this	-76	×6	-35	Take the square root	+46	ANSWER

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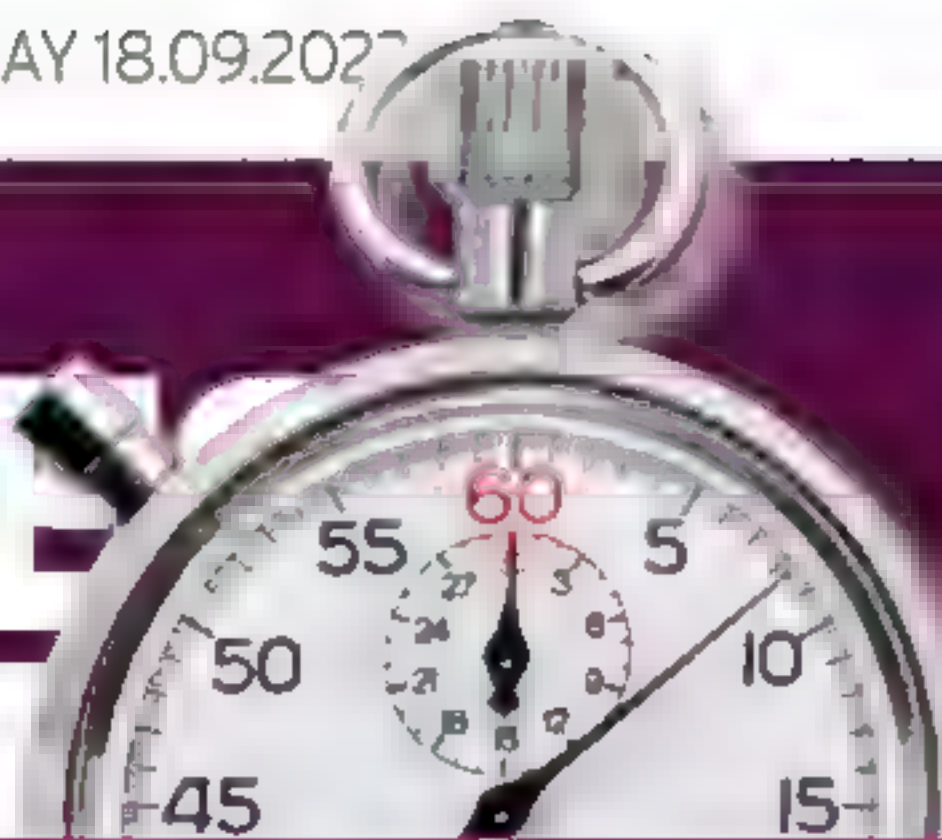
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Speedbreaker

Test your cod cracking skills against us! We took 19 minutes and 35 seconds to complete this puzzle – can you do better? We've taken a completed crossword puzzle and replaced each letter in the grid with the same number throughout. The completed grid will include all letters of the alphabet. If you find it hard to get going, call the Extra Letter line where you will also find a little bit of extra help. Remember, none of the answers are proper nouns.

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ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

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Just a bit of fun

Which one of our three definitions is correct?

SIMNEL

- 1 Type of cake
- 2 A cooking vessel
- 3 Hot desert wind

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Scribble space

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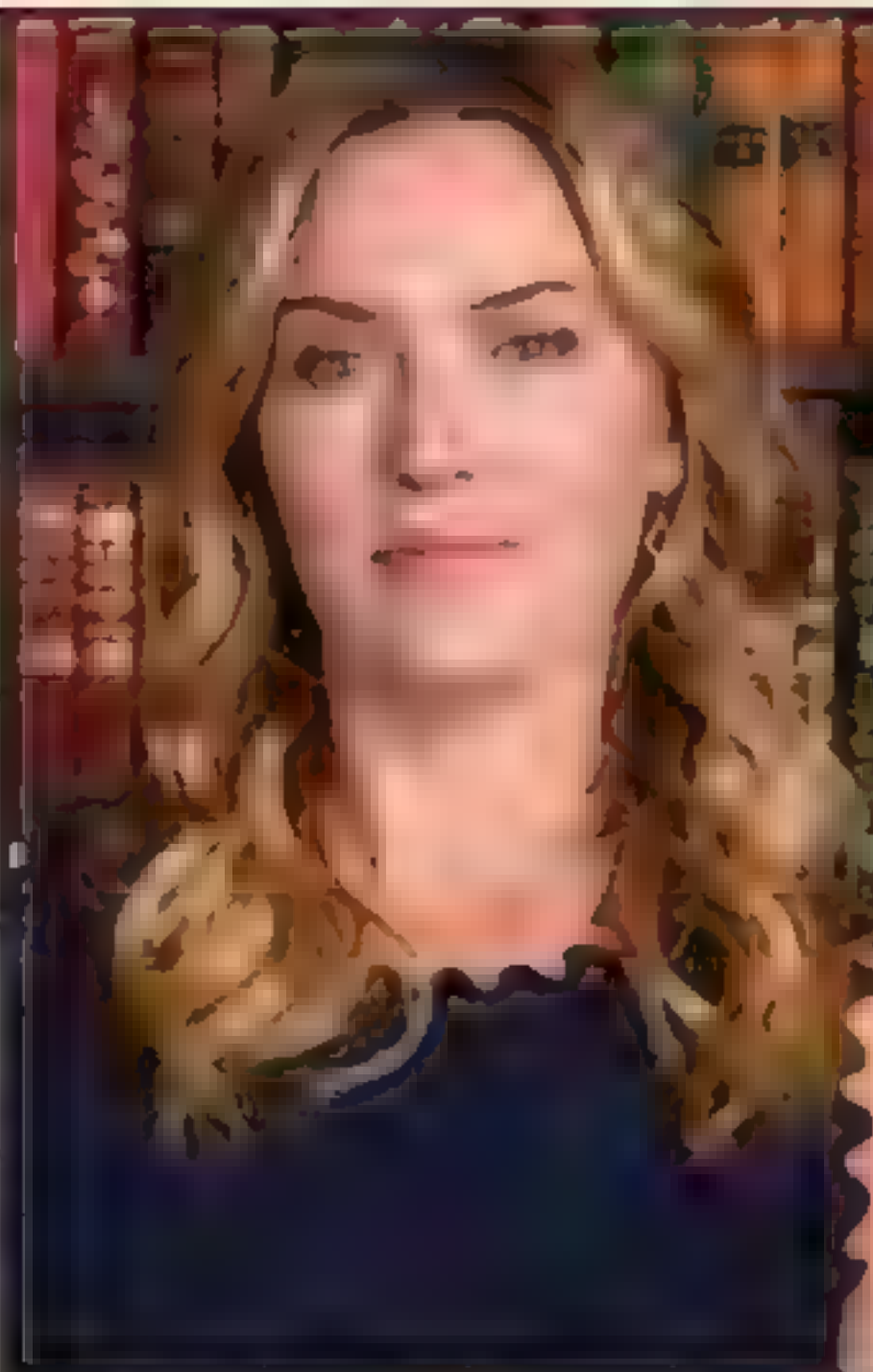
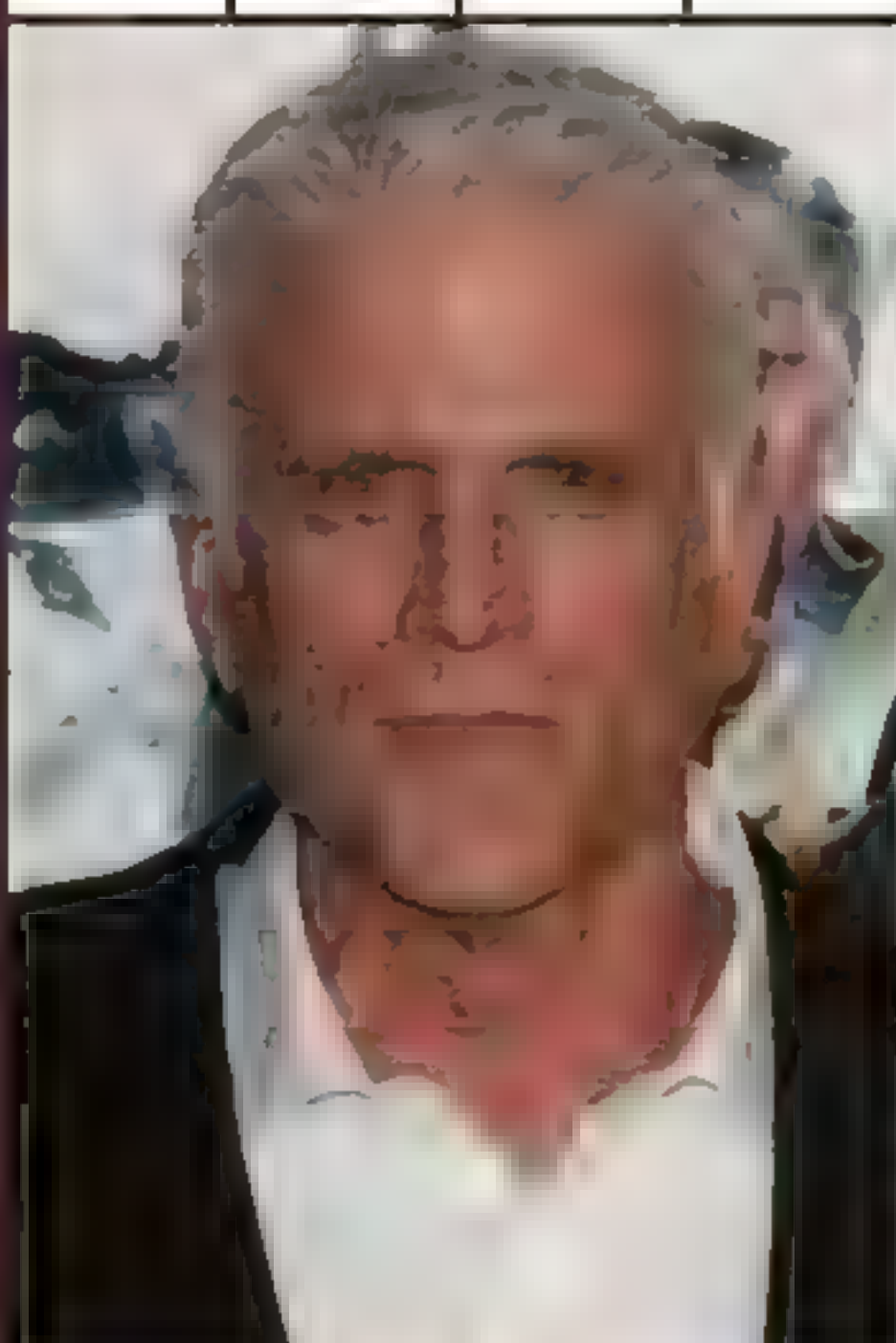
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Arrow Word

Arrow Words are like crosswords, but the clues are printed inside squares on the grid. Write your answers in the blank squares in the direction indicated by the arrows.

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Cavity		Winslet, pictured		Official order		Decay naturally		Royal chair Cardinal number		Makes a noise like a pig		
Long journey						Different						
Shooting star		the line, comply		Provide food						Set of clothes		
						Musical band	Middle of the day					
Pullover with long sleeves	TV's Do You Think You Are?	Diving seabird	Thing a hen lays					Teaching union (1,1,1) Minus				
						Permits						
Sly Stallone film		Solid block	With or Without U2 song	Mineral					Move to a sloping position	Boxing term (1,1,1) Pleasant	Hostelry	Jelly type
				Readiness		Foul-smelling Choose						
British political party	Minute particle	Dissent Chances										Lubricant
						Catch fish in this	Notion		Liquid measure	Neither Buzzes or hums		
Danson, pictured			Allowed								Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, film	Auction item
Little devils	Hoodwink					For that reason	Fusses pettily		Throw of dice			
			Notice taken								Four-sided figure	
		Gahan, Depeche Mode singer		Brush or comb this					Bird's home Dark period			
						Unit of heredity					Practise boxing blows	Conclude
	Food grains		'n'Bone Man, singer					Distribute for use or sale				
						Lower limb				Metal container for cooking food		
	For Your Eyes Only, Bond film		TV's The Great British Sewing						Listened to			
						Habitual drunkard				Desirable residence		

Su-doku corner

1		9		2		8	
			7		4	1	9
7			1	8		5	
	8	1		4		2	5
			5	9			
4		5		2		1	6
	1		9		4		8
6	3	8			1		
	4		3			5	1

The rules for Su-doku couldn't be easier. All you have to do is fill the empty squares so that each row, column and 3x3 block contains all the numbers 1 to 9.

CHECK THE SOLUTIONS NOW! Call 0903 659 6060 (80p/min) to hear SU-DOKU 5 NUMBER CLUES or FULL SOLUTIONS to the easy and toughie su-dokus. Or text EASYCLUE or TOUGHCLUE to 61011 (£1/text) for 5 clues.

SU-DOKU TOUGHIE

8	1	5		2				
9			5					
2				7		8		
	9				6			
6		4				5		3
			3				1	
		3		1				6
					5			2
				8		7	3	5

The rules for Su-doku are easy, but this one's a toughie! Each number from 1 to 9 must appear only once in each horizontal and vertical line, and only once in each 3x3 grid.

KILLER SU-DOKU

13		15	3	12	16	11	18	
	8						5	
14			9	9		22		21
	12			9				
		16	5		28		9	
11							13	
20				11		12		16
8	14	10	20	7				
							8	

Killer Su-doku is based on the traditional grid and every column, every row and every 3x3 box must contain the digits 1 to 9. But the dotted squares must be filled with numbers that add up to that in the left corner.

Solutions for all su-dokus in next week's Sunday Mirror

FUTOSHIKI

			>	>	
2					
		2			
		<			3

Insert the numbers one to five in each row and each column, making sure that no number is repeated. The only symbols to guide you are the "greater than" (>) and "less than" (<) signs.

£500★ Star search

For your chance to win £500 fill in the crossword and the shaded squares will spell out the name of a celebrity – this is your prize answer. Solutions in next week's Sunday Mirror

1		2		3		4	5	6		7		8
9						10						
						11						
12								13				
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15						16					17	
						18						
19										20		21
										22		
23		24				25						
						26						
27										28		
29										30		

- ACROSS
- DOWN
- 1 1993 comedy film, Robin Hood: Men in _ (6)
- 2 2011 Disney animation about Rapunzel (7)
- 4 Boiled sweet (4,4)
- 5 Biscuit type (9)
- 9 The Chronicles of _ children's book series by C S Lewis (6)
- 10 Creamy dessert (6)
- 11 Shellfish (4)
- 12 Flower in the Narcissus genus (8)
- 13 Opposition (8)
- 15 Defamatory (8)
- 16 Sits on and controls (5)
- 17 Release payment (6)
- 18 Philip _ writer of the fantasy trilogy His Dark Materials (7)
- 19 _ Winton, TV presenter (4)
- 20 Pacify (7)
- 21 Mischievous Irish elf (10)
- 22 Foot-operated pedal (7)
- 23 One-sided (10)
- 24 Not interested or enthusiastic (3)
- 25 Bride _ Anne Hathaway film (4)
- 26 Dynamite, cult 2004 comedy film starring Jon Heder (8)
- 27 Brie, actress whose TV shows include GLOW and Mad Men (6)
- 28 Oblivious (7)
- 29 Laboriously continue (6,2)
- 30 Serpentine (7)
- 27 The teaching world (8)
- 28 ' _ Gospel', 2005 single by 2Pac featuring Elton John (6)
- 29 Perpetuity (8)
- 30 Public _ Ltd, post-punk band (5)
- 30 Orthodontic cases (6)
- 26 Breach in friendly relations (4)

Word Ladder

	SLOW	
Aperture		
Chimney substance		
Debatable		
Majority of		
Pillar		
	FAST	

Using the clues provided, fill in each step of the ladder with a new word, changing one letter at a time. Solutions in next week's Sunday Mirror

Brickwork

1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			

Enter the solutions to the clues in their numbered layers of the wall. Each word must be an anagram of its neighbours, plus or minus one letter.

- 1 Large
- 2 Taunt
- 3 Splurge
- 4 Starts
- 5 Char
- 6 Indication
- 7 Transgression

Solutions in next week's Sunday Mirror

LAST SUNDAY'S SOLUTIONS

QUIZWORD

ACROSS: 6 Bahama Crisis, 8 Taffeta, 9 Plano, 10 Eyas, 12 Wilder, 14 Moran, 15 Bierce, 16 Impi, 19 Alpha, 21 Allegro, 22 Trees of Thika. DOWN: 1 The Flame, 2 Emmen, 3 Ocean, 4 Limpkin, 5 Pisa, 6 Butter bean, 7 Kournikova, 11 Joe, 12 Way, 13 DiMaggio, 14 McLaren, 17 Kazoo, 18 Plato, 20 Peru.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 6 Faint-hearted, 8 Bearing, 9 Allibi, 10 Eats, 12 Set off, 14 Tales, 15 Larder, 16 Heir, 19 Sonic, 21 Artisan, 22 Intermediate. DOWN: 1 Disaster, 2 Strip, 3 Hedge, 4 Creates, 5 Yeti, 6 Fibreglass, 7 Difference, 11 Tar, 12 Sew, 13 Overseas, 14 Teacher, 17 Gamma, 18 Study, 20 None.

SPEEDBREAKER

1=N, 2=E, 3=L, 4=W, 5=J, 6=K, 7=R, 8=F, 9=Z, 10=Y, 11=H, 12=V, 13=M, 14=I, 15=D, 16=U, 17=B, 18=G, 19=A, 20=C, 21=O, 22=X, 23=Q, 24=P, 25=T, 26=S.

JUST A BIT OF FUN

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NAME GAME

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1L, 2A, 3M, 4E, 5I, 6D, 7A, 8R, 9R, 10D.

TWO-SPEED COFFEEBREAK

ACROSS: 1 Forget, 4 Send, 7 Idol, 8 Threat, 9 Dame, 10 ASAP, 12 Cane, 14 Sum, 16 Pie, 17 Late, 20 When, 23 Rate, 24 Debate, 25 Erne, 26 Hard, 27 Sunset. DOWN: 1 Fatal, 2 Rare, 3 Titan, 4 Soda, 5 Elapse, 6 Dream, 11 Seat, 13 Able, 15 Pewter, 16 Perch, 18 Andes, 19 Treat, 21 Herd, 22 Mass.

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SELF-REGARD

ARROW WORD

U	M	I	A	P	R				
I	N	V	E	S	T	P	H	O	T
D	S	A	P	P	A	L	B		
F	O	S	S	I	L	M	I	M	E
	I		I	C	Y	C	A	R	
S	C	R	A	T	C	H	S	E	N
U	W		A	R	K	A	I		S
U	P	S	E	T		I	G	N	O
	O	A	E	R	O	P	L	A	N
I	N	F	O	R	M	I	U	C	H
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				G	A	G	A	E	L
				S	C	U	R	T	Y
				I	S	L	A	A	N
				E	R	E	G	T	W
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EASY SU-DOKU

4	9	5	7	6	2	3	1	8
3	6	8	5	4	1	2	7	9
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8	2	6	4	1	7	5	9	3
9	3	7	2	5	6	8	4	1
5	1	4	8	3	9	6	2	7
2	5	1	6	9	8	7	3	4
6	4	3	1	7	5	9	8	2
7	8	9	3	2	4	1	6	5

SU-DOKU TOUGHIE

3	7	4	2	6	5	8	9	1
1	6	9	3	8	4	5	2	7
8	2	5	7	1	9	6	4	3
7	1	2	5	4	6	9	3	8
5	3	6	9	7	8	2	1	4
4	9	8	1	2	3	7	5	6
2	8	3	4	5	7	1	6	9
9	5	7	6	3	1	4	8	2
6	4	1	8	9	2	3	7	5

KILLER SU-DOKU

4	2	3	7	1	6	8	9	5
7	1	9	5	4	8	2	6	3
8	6	5	3	2	9	4	7	1
5	4	1	6	8	7	9	3	2
3	8	2	9	5	1	7	4	6
9	7	6	2	3	4	5	1	8
1	3	8	4	7	2	6	5	9
2	9	7	1	6	5	3	8	4
6	5	4	8	9	3	1	2	7

FUTOSHIKI

5	>	4	2	1	3
3		1	5	4	2
4		5	3	>	2
2		3	>	1	5
1	<	2	4	>	3

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DOWN: 2 Erato, 3 Sedan, 4 Meander, 5 Paste-up, 6 Rip-offs, 7 Viewpoint, 8 Applegate, 14 Guillermo, 15 Tentative, 18 Art deco, 19 Samberg, 20 Isolate, 23 Rouse, 24 Nitre.

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20

Your imagination is in high gear. You aren't paying a lot of attention to the practical aspects of your dreams. A little escapism never did anyone any harm but be aware too of what is going on around you. Don't miss out on something you'd enjoy while your mind is building castles in the air.

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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Whether it is a slap-up meal in an expensive restaurant, a spa treatment or buying a new outfit, treat yourself to something special. Other than paying bills, you want to feel you are getting something worthwhile out of your hard-earned cash and currently, you just want to have some fun.

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♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

Be patient with an older relative or neighbour who gets confused very easily. Hurdles you encounter can be overcome. Soon recent restrictions and frustrations will begin to clear. Promise yourself you aren't going to get too upset when problems do arise. It'll get easier as the day goes on.

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♋ Cancer June 22-July 23

Avoid getting mixed up in a romantic triangle. Deceiving a close friend or romantic partner will only lead to heartache. If you are in a stable relationship, why jeopardise this for the sake of a casual fling? Think, instead, about how you might inject some fun and passion into your romance.

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♌ Leo July 24-August 23

Sneaking off to a romantic hideaway with your partner will give you a chance to enjoy each other's company and reconnect. You just want to pack up all your cares, forget about money and other practical affairs and join your amour in a warm cocoon of romance instead.

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♍ Virgo Aug 24-Sept 23

A friend who you lost touch with years ago has gone out of their way to find you. Communications will lead to you arranging to meet up soon. An invitation to a glamorous gathering will delight you when you hadn't expected to be included in the guest list.

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♎ Libra Sept 24-Oct 23

Disagreements recently experienced will be settled without too much fuss. Your main aim now is to cultivate contentment. A home improvement project is coming to an end and family relationships are more peaceful now. You will be happy to take this opportunity to relax.

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♏ Scorpio Oct 24-Nov 22

A planned visit to an elderly relative or neighbour may be postponed when other things crop up. This could leave them feeling lonely and disappointed. Even if you can only make it a fleeting visit, this would be better than nothing. You need to get some momentum to win a contest.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 21

A family debate will change nothing at all. People have made their minds up and they aren't going to change them. A close relative is in a hostile mood. Accusations they are throwing around will be unfair and unfounded. Refuse to lower yourself by giving a response.

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♑ Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 20

You want to be on your own but you also need to join in with social activities. You've always been good at organising your schedule and with some careful planning you should get a balance between private plans and outside interests. Money news will be good and surprise you.

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♒ Aquarius Jan 21-Feb 19

A group project is almost over now. You will all be doing various different things after this and going your separate ways. You will miss the camaraderie but you know too that it is the right time to move on. Friends flock to you for advice and support. Show them some patience.

For more call **0905 789 4181** (80p/min + network access charge)

♓ Pisces Feb 20-Mar 20

You're tired of discussions going round in circles. You intend for a contentious issue to be settled once and for all. Others who are involved will feel the same way and for that reason a compromise will be reached. Take an unexpected chance to put a personal talent into action.

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FILMS

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SUNK Daughter Lily is ditching a law career to marry a seaweed farmer

REUNITED
Roberts and
Clooney as
scheming
exes



The parents' trap

TICKET TO PARADISE

Cert 12A ★★ ★★
In cinemas on Tuesday

You may think you've seen this one before. A story about warring exes forced to travel together to an exotic island feels like something that might have packed picture houses decades ago. But, while unashamedly old fashioned, this pleasant diversion feels perfectly suited for the troubled back end of 2022.

In roles that during the 1960s might have attracted Rock Hudson and Doris Day, George Clooney plays architect David and Julia Roberts, his art dealer ex-wife Georgia.

The battle of wits begins as they reunite

for the first time in decades to watch their daughter Lily (Kaitlyn Dever) graduate from law school.

After some amusing back and forth and a bout of competitive cheering, the pair say goodbye. This time, they vow, forever.

But the gods aren't quite done with them yet. During a post-graduation holiday in Bali with her best pal Wren (Billie Lourd), Lily falls for dashing local seaweed farmer Gede (Maxime Bouttier).

Instead of coming home, she shocks both parents by inviting them to Bali for her four-day Indonesian wedding.

After finding themselves on neighbouring

“
They hatch a plan, pretending they approve of the marriage but secretly sabotaging it

seats in the plane, the pair finally agree on something – Lily can't make the same mistake they made 25 years ago. So they hatch a plan they codename “Trojan Horse”. They will pretend they approve of the marriage but secretly try to sabotage it.

Director Ol Parker (The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel) doesn't need plot twists or edgy jokes. He just plonks two A-listers in glamorous settings, sets up some amusing and mildly perilous problems and lets their movie-star charisma carry us through to his gooey finale.

With gas bills rising, war raging and monarchs changing, there's something comforting about a film as undemanding and predictably entertaining as this.

I USED TO BE FAMOUS

Cert 15 ★★ ★★
On Netflix now

After a spate of roles playing English baddies, Ed Skrein reveals hidden depths in this slight drama about the friendship between a faded pop star and an autistic teenager.

Twenty years ago, Vince (Skrein) was the frontman of a chart-topping boy band. Now, he's busking on the streets of Peckham with a keyboard perched on an ironing board.

But he gets another taste of fame when a video of one of his street performances goes viral on social media.

The star of the clip isn't Vince but young autistic boy Stevie (neurodivergent actor Leo Long) who turned Vince's solo performance into an impromptu jamming session by thumping a metal bin with his drumsticks.

After tracking the kid down, Vince tries to persuade him to form a two-man band and perform a gig in a pub.

But first, he'll have to win over Stevie's protective mum (Eleanor Matsuura) who is worried her son won't be able to cope with the noise and the attention.

The plot is predictable but Skrein keeps the audience rooting for the wounded but big-hearted Vince.



SENSATION Vince busking, and inset, Stevie and his mum



REBEL REBEL
Bowie through the lens of his back catalogue

MOONAGE DAYDREAM

Cert 15 ★★ ★★ ★★
In cinemas now

Here's another film that may sound a little familiar. Over six years after we lost David Bowie, we have yet another rockumentary about the pop icon.

But Brett Morgen (director of the great 2015 Kurt Cobain film) has something his predecessors craved – unfettered access to Bowie's extensive back catalogue.

This engrossing and wildly inventive film smashes the template of the music documentary from the beginning by opening with a lesser-known song from the later period of his career – Hallo Spaceboy, a great track from 1995 album Outside.

The next 140 minutes are a full-on assault on the senses as Morgen weaves candid home movies with little-seen concert performances and clips taken from films, some that Bowie acted in and others that influenced his career.

Other documentaries have made much of the various reinventions that marked his career, but Morgen's loosely chronological musical collage serves to give us a sense of continuity.

As Mavis Nicholson points out in a perceptive interview, Bowie used himself as a painter uses a canvas. And, to Morgen, Ziggy Stardust and The Thin White Duke are two sides of the same coin.

While we hear plenty from Bowie, his voice culled from various interviews, we don't have the usual chats with friends or family members. This is a film that concentrates more on the art than the personal life of the artist.

Slick editing links live footage of the major tours, taking us from early 70s Ziggy Stardust performances, to 1974's Diamond Dogs tour, to thrilling live takes of later hits such as Heroes and Let's Dance.

Morgen also focuses on Bowie's devoted fans and explores the cultural importance of his gender-fluid image. “You don't have to be bent to wear make-up,” says one gruff-sounding young devotee. In the early 1970s, this sounded dangerously progressive.

Not all of Bowie's greatest hits make the cut but Morgen finds room for a long sequence cut to DJ, a thumping dance track from 1979.

It sounds like it was recorded last week.

STRAWBERRY MANSION

Cert 12A ★★ ★★
In cinemas and on digital now

I suspect Bowie would have approved of Strawberry Mansion, a sci-fi oddity that blends whimsical humour with hallucinatory visuals.

The year is 2035 and government interference has reached new heights.

Now, everyone's dreams are recorded on VHS tapes so they can be pored over by tax inspectors. Dreams and reality begin to blur when tax auditor James Preble (co-director Kentucker Audley) inspects the nocturnal fantasies of an elderly inventor (Penny Fuller).

Though there's a conspiracy and a love story, the film isn't really interested in plot. This is more about talking beetroots, mice in sailor's pinafores and frog-headed waiters.



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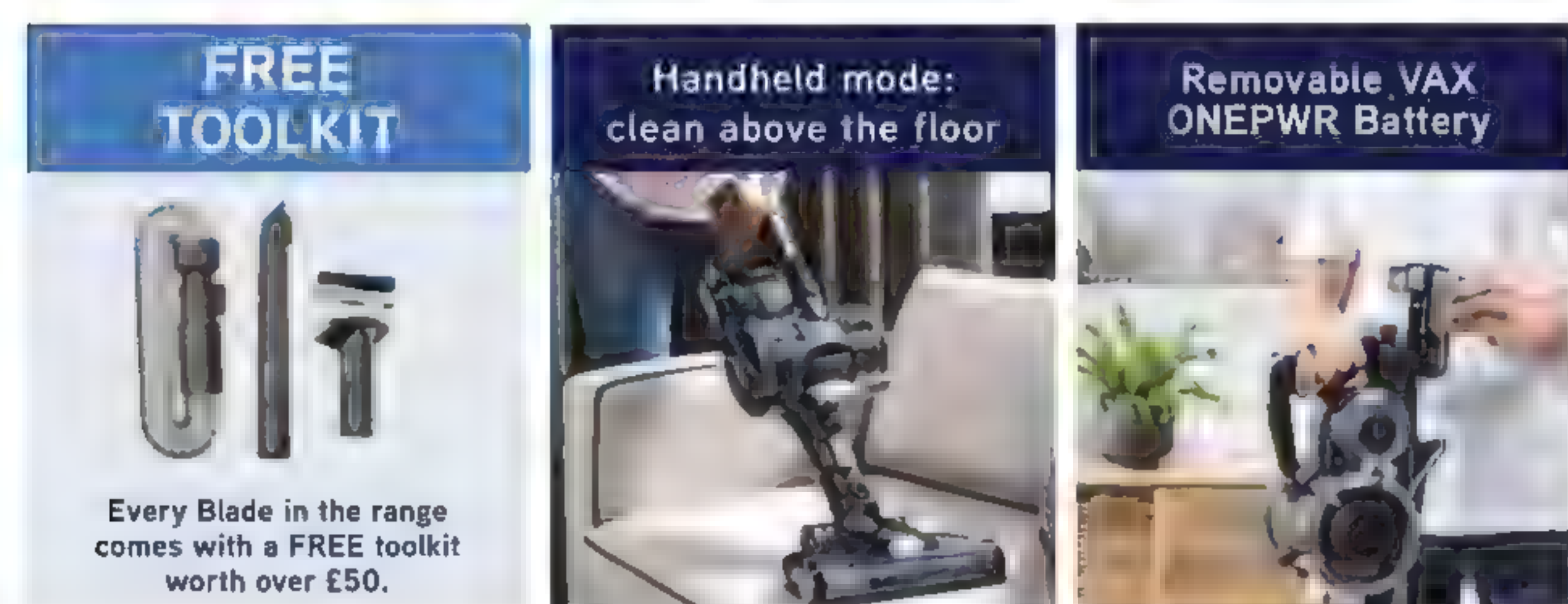
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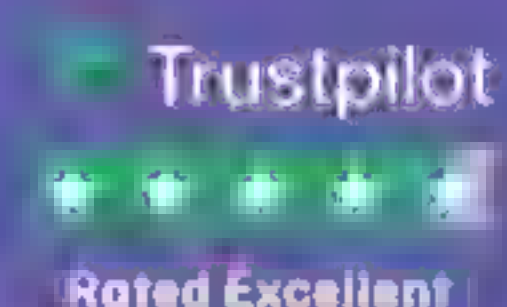


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Running with terminal cancer
By Kevin Webber

UNITED Queen Elizabeth Memorial Procession on the Thames



Race was off, but our fleet kept rowing

Tomorrow as you will know is the day when we say goodbye to HM the Queen. Over the past week, it's been hard not to get caught up in the outpouring of emotion from so many of all ages, religions and ethnic backgrounds. She was loved by so many.

Last week I was due to row 22 miles along the River Thames in the Great River Race with seven friends, including my youngest son, having trained hard for months. However the sad news meant things, quite rightly, had to be different.



TRIBUTE Kev on his boat

At the last minute the race was cancelled so instead we joined 200 other small rowing boats in The Queen Elizabeth Memorial Procession.

It wasn't a race but we all had to get to the finish before the tide turned, so definitely had to put all our effort in.

The flag that we had was the Union flag with the Prostate Cancer UK symbol on it. Every boat attached a black ribbon to their flag as a mark of respect.

Rowing for a few hours, giving it your all, takes both physical and mental strength and also allowed time to reflect on our great Queen, the only monarch I had known in my lifetime.

I had the honour of being at a Royal Garden Party a few years back where she was in attendance with the late Prince Philip and that is a memory I know my wife and I treasure.

I am sure we will never forget the Queen's passing, many having watching her coffin go by or paying their respects while Her Majesty was lying in state.

But for me, I will always connect it with the row along the Thames with my friends, gliding by so many London landmarks that are in many ways synonymous with the Queen.

Royalist or not, I hope you, too, use the passing of the Queen as a time to reflect on what you have done and can do for the benefit of others. Because I have no doubt that is what most of the Queen's life was about. And she set an amazing example.

Until next week,
Kev

Rowing for hours allowed time to reflect on our great Queen

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time to

Pop potassium-rich foods such as bananas, salmon and avocados onto your shopping list and you could reduce the harmful effects of salt in your diet and protect your heart health in the process. **Kim Jones** delves deeper



A study published in the European Heart Journal discovered that potassium consumption was associated with lower blood pressure in women, particularly in those who had a high salt intake.

It also showed that, on average, people who ate plenty of potassium in their diets had a 13 per cent lower risk of suffering cardiovascular events such as heart attack and stroke compared to those who ate the least amount of potassium.

"It is well known that high salt consumption is associated with elevated blood pressure and a raised risk of heart attacks and strokes," says study author Professor Liffert Vogt of Amsterdam University Medical Centers. "Health advice has focused on limiting salt intake but this is difficult to achieve when our diets include processed foods. Potassium helps the body excrete more sodium in the urine."

According to the NHS, adults need 3,500mg of potassium a day.

"Potassium is a vital mineral for supporting muscle and nerve function, as well as normal blood pressure," says nutritionist Hannah Hope (hhopenutrition.com).

Here, Hannah shows us some of the best foods that can boost your potassium intake, and she provides some tasty ways to incorporate them into your daily diet.

Bananas

Potassium power: 422mg per medium banana

Eat as a snack sliced with peanut butter or add it mashed to gluten and dairy-free pancake batter for breakfast, or in a smoothie. Use overripe fruits to make banana bread.

Salmon

Potassium power: 326mg per palm-sized portion, 85g

Packed with heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids, eat salmon with eggs in the morning. For lunch you could flake a fillet into a bowl with brown rice, chopped avocado, grated carrot, spinach and beans. For dinner, oven-bake with broccoli and sweet potatoes, or with lentils in a red Thai curry.

Avocado

Potassium power: 345mg per ½ fruit

A good source of monounsaturated fat which can help maintain healthy cholesterol levels, try adding frozen cubes of avocado to a morning smoothie or have it mashed on toast with a poached egg on sourdough or rye bread for a tasty weekend breakfast.

Make a guacamole dip, or simply blitz an avocado with some olive oil for a delicious salad dressing. And look up recipes for a dairy-free avocado chocolate mousse dessert – they're a winner.



Potatoes

Potassium power: 610mg per medium white potato with skin; 610-945mg per 328g (approximately two) sweet potatoes

White potatoes are great baked, boiled and roasted but for the most health benefits a cooled boiled new potato salad will make your gut very happy.

Once cooled, white potatoes contain a good amount of resistant starch that feeds your gut's 'good' bacteria.

Chop cooled potatoes with raw broccoli, spring onions and celery, then mix together with a dressing for a great lunchtime salad.



Sweet potatoes are a super source of fibre plus vitamin C and beta-carotene, which can help maintain a healthy immune system. Bake them in their skin and serve with a vegetable chilli and guacamole for a nutritious dinner, or cube and roast with butternut squash as a tasty side dish.

Sweet potatoes are a great base for soup – a warming lunch when autumn arrives.

Leafy green vegetables

Potassium power: 334mg in 60g of raw spinach; 549mg per 100g cooked Swiss chard

Leafy greens are bursting with antioxidants that could help protect against disease. In fact, dark leafy vegetables have been shown to

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT... tooth grinding?



Unconsciously grinding your teeth is known as bruxism, and can lead to jaw, head and earache, as well as damaging your teeth.

"If you grind your teeth during the day, try and make a note of any triggers, for example, if you clench your jaw whilst concentrating," says dentist and aesthetician Dr Tara

Francis (enhancebytara.com).

"Avoiding coffee and alcohol can also help."

If you grind your teeth, it's important to see your dentist regularly as they can check your teeth for signs of wear.

"A dentist can also provide you with mouth guards or splints," adds Dr Francis. "These create a physical

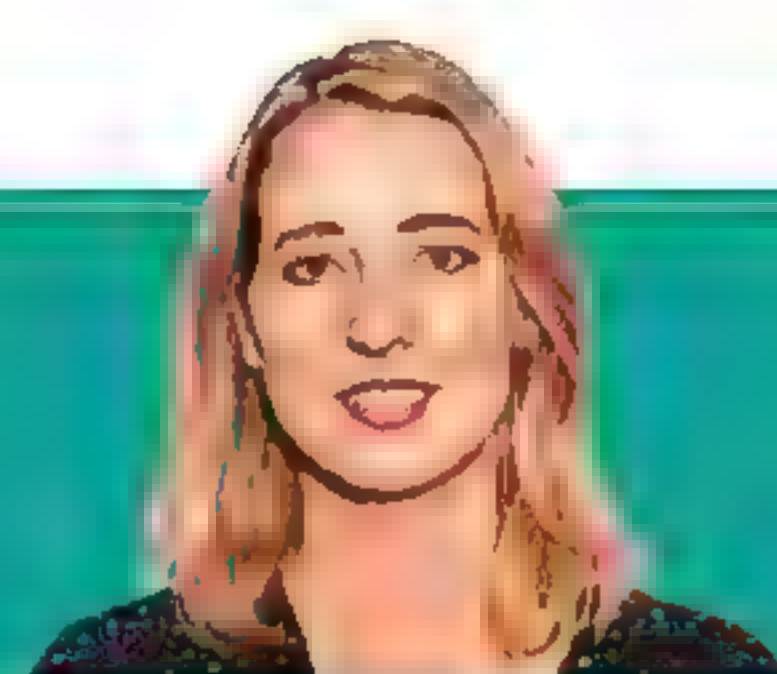
barrier to protect your teeth and stop you from wearing them down.

"Neuromodulators such as Botox placed into the masseter muscle are useful in helping reduce the force at which the masseter muscle contracts.

"This does not stop the habit, but it can reduce some of the muscle ache that people may experience and may reduce related tension headaches."

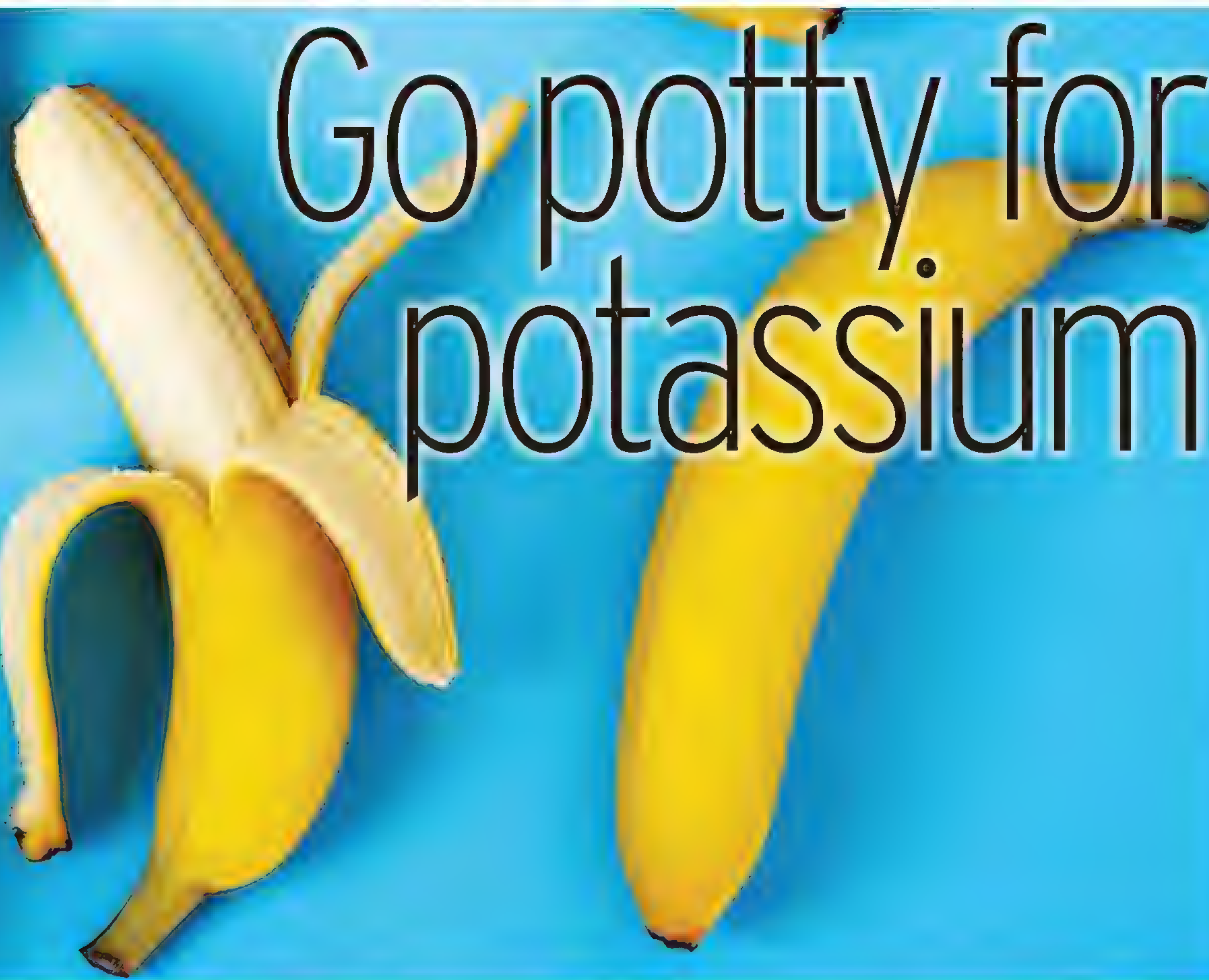


LIVE WELL



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Go potty for potassium



protect cells from cancer as they play a role in blocking enzymes that activate carcinogens.

Both spinach and Swiss chard can be eaten raw in salads, blitzed into smoothies or added to sandwiches. Wilt into stews and lentil dahls, or bake Swiss chard as a side dish to a roast dinner.

Lentils

Potassium power: 369mg per 100g
Full of fibre that can help lower cholesterol and protect against colon cancer, lentils make a great meat replacement. Try using in place of mince to make a homemade ragu served with spaghetti, or eat in a salad with roasted vegetables.



Broccoli is the hardest working veg out there in fight against disease

Kidney beans

Potassium power: 405mg per 100g

Kidney beans are rich in protein and iron, and can help lower levels of bad cholesterol. Great in a chilli of course, but try adding to rice or the Italian favourite, pasta e fagioli, a pasta and bean soup. They can also be refried and eaten with guacamole and salsa, or added to a mixed bean and tuna salad for lunch.

Plain low-fat yoghurt

Potassium power: 195mg per 100g
Yoghurt makes a good calcium and protein-rich breakfast. Add mixed berries, kiwi fruit and a sprinkling of

nuts and seeds. You can also use yoghurt in overnight oats with, or instead of, milk. Also use as a healthy alternative to mayonnaise in salad dressings or coleslaw.

Tomato purée

Potassium power: 162mg per tbsp (16g).

As well as using in bolognese sauce, you can add tomato purée to soups, stews (like chickpea and spinach), to tomato-based curries or to make a salad dressing with olive oil, vinegar and herbs.

It's also really rich in the phytonutrient lycopene, an antioxidant

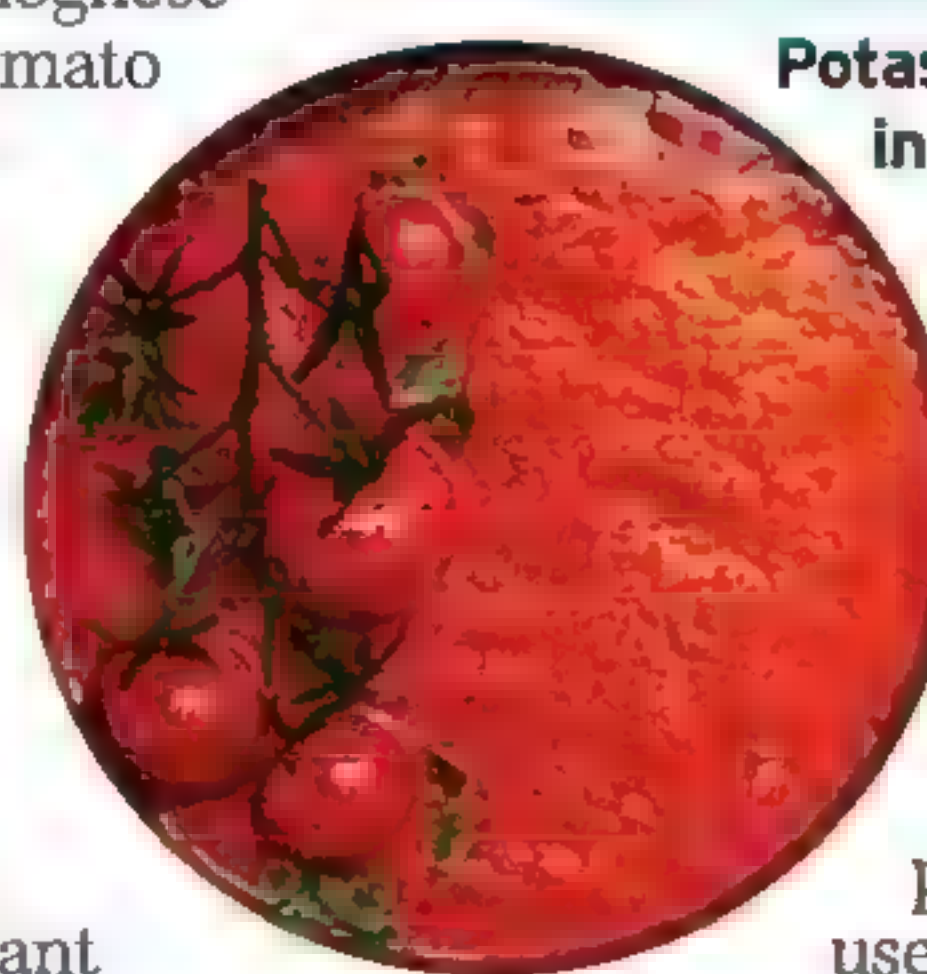
that helps fight free radicals in the body which is believed to help protect against cancers.

A study of men newly diagnosed with prostate cancer who took lycopene twice a day for three weeks suggested it could decrease the risk of and growth of prostate cancer cells.

Broccoli

Potassium power: 293mg in 100g, cooked

Try to eat broccoli most days as it must be the hardest working vegetable out there, fighting inflammation and disease. You can steam it, roast it with garlic, add it to a stir fry, pasta dish or omelette, or use raw in a salad.



GOOD NEWS

Smartphones can boost memory

Using devices such as smartphones and tablets could improve our memory, a study claims. While it's often thought they make us forgetful, University College London research shows people who use technology to store very important information may be freeing up their brains to recall other significant details that



might otherwise have been forgotten. Researchers gave the same task to 158 volunteers. While some set reminders on digital devices, others had to rely on their memory. The device group who saved the task's vital information were better than the non-digital group at remembering other details about the assignment.

SELF HELP

Social anxiety

This is a deep fear of being judged or criticised when out with other people. Here are tips to tackle it: "Avoid too much alcohol," says Dr Dimitrios Paschos, consultant psychiatrist at Re:Cognition Healthcare (recognitionhealth.com). "Alcohol is a depressant and can make things



worse. Before going out, take deep breaths through your nose to help you relax. Socialise with just a small group at first. Use the 'so what' method to counter negative thoughts. "If worried about saying something embarrassing, ask yourself, 'So what? What's the worst thing that could happen?'"

RETAIL THERAPIES



■ If you've had a nagging feeling about nuggets since Jamie Oliver revealed how Turkey Twizzlers were made, Quorn's new UniQuorns (£2.50; Asda) make a tasty vegan alternative to poultry. Shaped like unicorns, they'll add a tasty touch of fun to the dinner table while allowing you to reduce the amount of meat you eat.



■ Want something to keep the sun off without making you overheat when you head out for a run? The Pack Speed Cap HTR Light Grey (£28.95; buff.com) is designed to fold without losing its shape and uses a drawstring to ensure the perfect fit, while wicking fabric means it removes moisture and dries quickly.



■ Give someone you love the gift of a Sunday spa experience in the comfort of their own home with the Aromatherapy Associates De-Stress Your Mind & Body Kit. Priced at £80, it contains £158 of calming products and a 'how to' video hosted by a trained therapist for recreating at-home pampering treatments, week after week.

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time to EXPLORE



Edited by
NIGEL THOMPSON

Not everyone thinks of consulting the tide tables before a day out in the car. But there are some roads in our island nation that are regularly more suitable for boating than driving. **Andrew Eames** discovers the scenic routes that could ambush your vehicle with an unexpected bath

Holy Island Causeway, Northumberland

There's something magical about an island that can only be reached when nature permits, especially when that island is called "Holy". As with Mersea (see next page), a proper road crosses between the mainland and Lindisfarne, aka Holy Island, but it is underwater twice a day for up to four hours.

Footslogging pilgrims can also follow a line of poles across the sands, a suitably mystical way to arrive on an island that was the cradle of Christianity. It is from his sanctuary here that Saint Cuthbert set out to spread the faith in the 7th century AD, and these days most of Holy Island's visitors are on spiritual retreats in a village of birdsong and woodsmoke.

The shell of the original priory, destroyed on the orders of Henry VIII, still stands. The castle, which sits up on a rock like the bridge of a ship, is a bit cavernous and lacking in furniture, but the view out to outlying islands is magnificent.

■ Stay in a rugged rental 4x4 Defender camper that sleeps two-four for £525 for three nights. wildwithconsent.com

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Go with the flow

Drayton

Manor Resort has revealed its Halloween line-up. From October 22-30, go wild in the Pumpkin Smash Bash, then head to walkaround adventure Castle of Spooks. Or brave Night at The Manor (aged 14+). Fireworks Spook-tacular is October 30. From £24, draytonmanor.co.uk

Cruise news

BY VICKY LISSAMAN

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■ Oceania Cruises' Around the World in 180 Days is back. Sailing on the 656-passenger Insignia, it takes in five continents, 32 countries and 89 ports. Highlights include an African safari, an Amazon rainforest visit and the Taj Mahal. If you've won the Lotto, prices are from £62,739 per person, including business class flights, departing Miami on January 5, 2025, oceaniacruises.com

Watch

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Deals of the week

BY VICKY LISSAMAN

LONG HAUL

Dubai from £584pp: Five nights B&B at the four-star TRYP by Wyndham Dubai includes return flights from Heathrow on September 26. icelolly.com

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SHORT HAUL

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Cornwall from £680: Snap up a seven-night, self-catering stay in a two-bedroom holiday home sleeping up to six at Parbola Holiday Park, Hayle, during half term, arriving October 22. lovatparks.com

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ONLY WAY TO ESSEX
Aerial view of Mersea Island

The Strood, Mersea, Essex

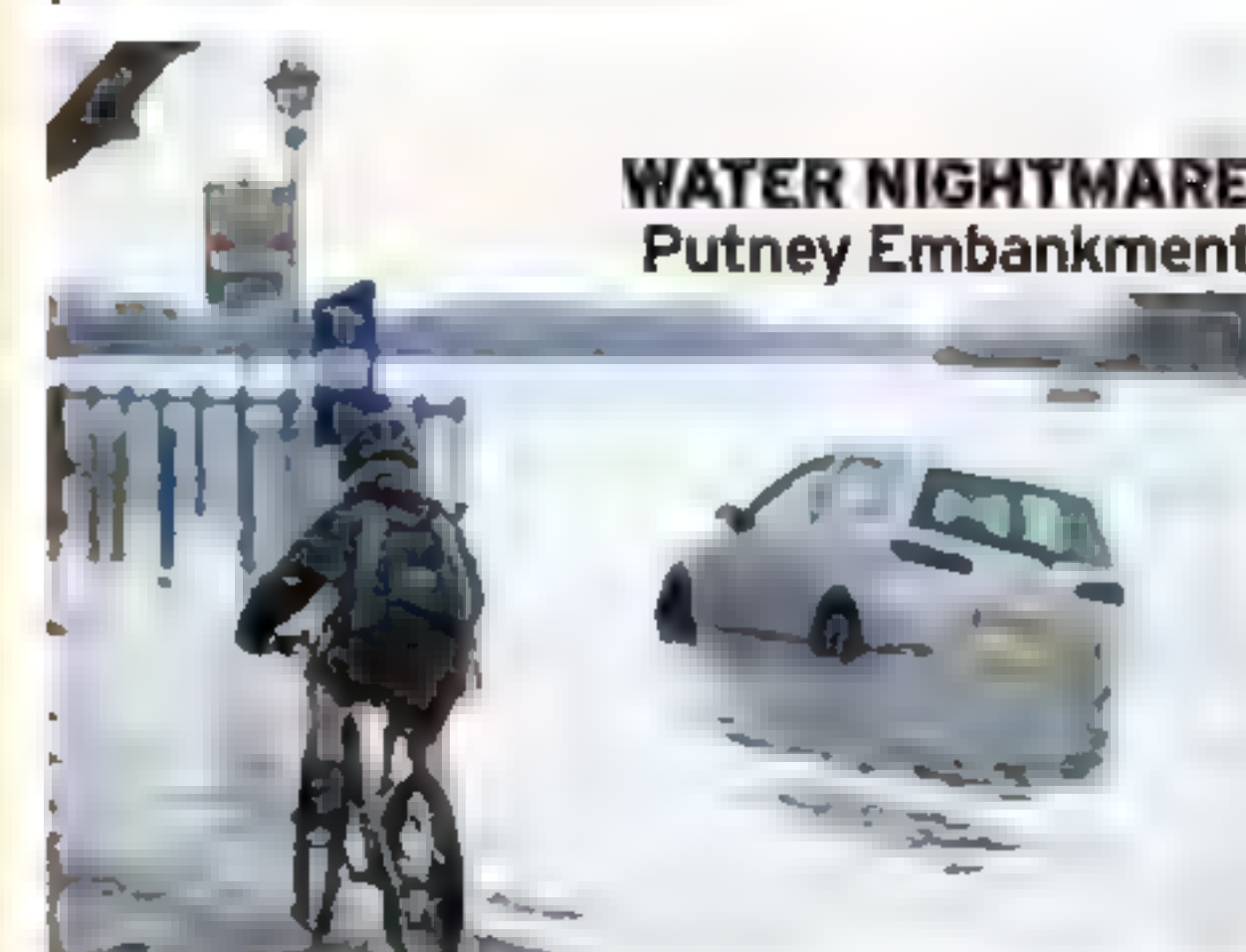
For much of the time, Mersea just seems like part of the mainland, but this is officially the UK's most easterly inhabited island, and its 7,000 "islanders" are proud of their status.

Certainly the main village has a peaceful, communal atmosphere, with great views out across the saltmarshes to the Blackwater Estuary, and a skirt of houseboats reached along rickety boardwalks. This was once a fishing community, and many of its visitors come here for its celebrated Oyster Bar, a plain and simple cafe and takeaway where all kinds of seafood is served for a very reasonable price.

The island's access road, the Strood, runs through a section of marsh and rushes, with warning signs alerting drivers to the possibility of water ahead.

In fact the road is rarely covered for longer than an hour, depending on whether it's a spring tide or the wind is strong.

■ Stay three nights in a static caravan that sleeps six in Mersea's Coopers Beach Holiday Park costs £409. parkdeanresorts.co.uk



WATER NIGHTMARE
Putney Embankment

Thames embankments, London

Urban van drivers don't make allowances in their delivery schedules for high tides, so you can imagine their annoyance at turning on to Chiswick Mall, with fine houses on one side and their gardens on the other, to find the road underwater.

It's quite a sight, bringing a touch of Venice to West London. High tides are regular invaders here, so many homes along the Mall have flood barriers, and locals are careful not to get caught out.

Just downriver on Putney Embankment, however, there have been some famous cases of visitors' parked cars not heeding the roadside warnings, and getting floated away by the incoming tide. The Thames Barrier is deployed in the event of extreme tides and storm surges to stop serious damage, but a little local flooding is quite normal in these parts.

■ Stay locally at Chiswick's new net-zero-carbon "hometel", Room2, doubles from £170. room2.com



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Isle of Athelney, Somerset

Freshwater floods draw great bedsheets of water across the Somerset Levels every winter, isolating raised sanctuaries of land.

One such is the Isle of Athelney, once the site of a medieval fort where King Alfred took refuge among the marshes from Vikings.

These days, Athelney has the distinction of being the most flooded village in England. All the water may be annoying for us, but overwintering wildfowl love it, so this is a great place for birdwatchers.

Other church-topped islands here are Muchelney and Burrow Mump, imbuing this landscape with ancient spirituality.

■ Stay locally in the Devonshire Arms, a former hunting lodge on a village green in the heart of the Levels, with B&B doubles from £110. thedevonshirearms.com

Davaar island, Scotland

Davaar sits right at the mouth of the superb natural harbour of Campbeltown, the main town on

the Mull of Kintyre. That means magnificent seaviews all around, especially across to the island of Arran. There is a hard track (the Dhorlin) across to the island, but you'd be best advised not to risk it with your car, and even on foot you should only cross three hours either side of low tide.

Despite this natural obstacle, there are several accommodation options on Davaar: a lighthouse keeper's cottage, a coastguard lookout and two glamping cabins, so the island's proprietors will transport guests and luggage across by 4x4 when they arrive, and when they leave.

■ Stay in the Minke cabin, named after the whales you might see from its veranda, from £135 a night for two (2 nights minimum stay). davaarland.co.uk

Bosham, West Sussex

With its red brick houses and flint-walled church, Bosham is very much a typical Sussex village.

But if climate change and rising sea levels are going to follow their predicted path, then its location on one of the watery tentacles of Chichester harbour spells trouble.

Legend has it that this was the place where Danish King Canute

sat on a chair and commanded the waves to go back. He was trying to prove a point to his courtiers about his powers. His eight-year-old daughter later drowned nearby and is buried in Bosham Church. Consulting tide tables would be good before trying to drive along Shore Road – it floods every high tide.

■ Stay in Riggers Cottage (sleeps six) and watch water come and go. From £855 a week. cottages.com

Aveton Gifford, Devon

There are two tidal roads in this corner of south Devon.

The first runs along the side of the river Avon linking Aveton Gifford with Bigbury. It is submerged two hours before high tide and covered until two hours after the

tide has turned. A hazard is the fringing of soft mud for those who attempt to drive the road when it still has a shallow covering of water.

The second tidal crossing is from Bigbury out to Burgh Island, home to one of our most exclusive hotels. The Burgh Island Hotel's Art Deco detailing have made it a regular location for films. There is a causeway across at low

tide, and an island pub, the Pilchard Inn, but visitors leave their cars on the mainland and are ferried across by a unique sea tractor.

■ Stay in the Burgh Island Hotel (if you can afford it), smallest doubles from £500, B&B. burghisland.com

TIDE IS HIGH
Aveton Gifford



CANUTE LEGEND
Bosham



Hotel of the week

BY DIMITRIS KOUIMTSIDIS



Parkgate, Cardiff

WHERE AND WHY

Set in the heart of the Welsh capital on Westgate Street, two of the city's iconic Grade II-listed buildings – the former Head Post Office and old county court – have been redeveloped and beautifully restored to house this glamorous four-star hotel which has been welcoming guests since October last year.

Dating back to the turn of the 20th century, the 170-room hotel oozes elegance and charm with its Victorian facade and the lobby's jaw-dropping vaulted ceiling.

Our room, a very spacious suite, was equally as splendid with a wraparound balcony, high ceilings, walk-in wardrobe and luxurious bathroom.

Huge windows offer stunning views of Cardiff Castle and Principality Stadium and an opportunity to stargaze before a perfect night's sleep on extremely comfy beds.



ON THE MENU

The Sorting Room restaurant, occupying the grand rooms of the old Post Office, has quickly become the city's chic new dining destination.

Its mouthwatering menu focuses on produce sourced locally – including meat from award-winning Trealy Farm.

We kicked off with delicious (and very generously sized) starters of grilled black tiger prawns and smoked octopus and crispy pork.

Then we tucked into rump steak and beef and ale pie for mains (starters from £7, mains from £18 and desserts from £7.50).

There's also an extensive wine and cocktail list – the Love Letter is highly recommended if you like your cocktails sweet and fruity.

WHILE YOU'RE THERE

The hotel's rooftop spa on the sixth floor is the place to unwind and relax, complete with heated pool, sauna and steam room as you look out over the city skyline – watching the sun set was particularly spectacular.

Just a drop-kick away from Principality Stadium, so the hotel offers an ideal base for rugby fans.

Pay a visit to Cardiff Castle and find out about its fascinating history dating back over 2,000 years.

And Cardiff's shopping arcades offer plenty of retail therapy.

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Boats in
Jamaica's
Blue
Lagoon



Marjorie Yue savours a sweet taste of paradise in idyllic, unspoilt Jamaica

ONE LOVE
Marjorie
at the Bob
Marley
statue



Our tour of Sun Valley Plantation started off at a sedate pace as Lorna, our guide and the plantation's co-owner with husband Nolly, pointed out the bounty of spices, tropical fruits, vegetables and flowers that flourish on this 34-acre farm, lying just 10 miles from Ocho Rios, in the town of Oracabessa.

We learned about their far-ranging medicinal and therapeutic properties. From the highly hydrating potassium-rich coconut jelly – said to be a great hangover antidote, to Jamaica's own nutrient-packed Otaheite apple – nature's pharmacy seems to have a remedy for just about every ailment.

But it was when we lingered by a nutmeg tree that the tour took a saucy spicy turn, as Lorna, with a twinkle in her eye, shared with us not only how this splendid spice works its magic in the kitchen but also in the bedroom – as an aphrodisiac.

Lorna plucked a vanilla bean pod and as we inhaled the heady scent, grinning, she told us that gentlemen find a sniff of this alluring spice on ladies very irresistible. The second most expensive spice (after saffron) is certainly worth its weight in gold as a prime ingredient in the creation of perfumes. At the end of our tour we were invited to an alfresco tasting of some of the farm's wonderful produce, including a chance to find out why Gros

Michel is the world's top banana.

Candy-sweet and creamy, no wonder it's the world's most expensive banana, though you won't see them in supermarkets as they're no longer commercially grown.

As platefuls of breadfruit chips and fried plantain were brought out, accompanied by exotic mango juices, an iridescent flash of colours announced the arrival of one of the plantation's feathered residents. Entranced we watched as the

FEAST
Miss T's
Kitchen



tiny hummingbird hovered over a little pot of sugar water before taking a swift sip and darting straight back into the foliage (email sunvalleyjamaica@yahoo.com, from £17pp).

There were more culinary delights in store the next day as we headed into the island's capital, Kingston, for a private lesson courtesy of chef Liyah T ([instagram.com/playtzja](https://www.instagram.com/playtzja)).

She cooked up a storm starting with the island's national dish and Jamaican breakfast staple, saltfish and ackee. Although ackee is a fruit it's used in dishes as a vegetable and cooked resembles scrambled egg.

The mains of red snapper with a pumpkin, okra and carrot sauce served with fried bammy (cassava soaked in coconut milk) didn't disappoint either, washed down with a refreshing sorrel drink.

Lunch was in the lush grounds of the



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BONJOUR
A bird's-eye view of Frenchman's Cove



Jamaican spirit

Devon House Mansion which is also home to the award-winning I-Scream parlour. We scooped a crocodile line of schoolkids to the flagship store and then had the delicious dilemma of deciding which of its 27 flavours – from classic vanilla, to the famous Devon Stout – to choose.

Devon House Mansion itself is worth a visit – and not just for the ice cream. Built in the late 19th century by George Stiebel, Jamaica's first black millionaire after making his fortune in the gold mines of Venezuela, the residence at 26 Hope Road, was declared a National Heritage Site in 1990. Furnished with exquisite antiques, from the ornate chandeliers, four-poster beds to the elegant ballroom complete with grand piano, the tour takes you on interesting journey back in time (devonhouseja.com).

Just little further down Hope Road, at number 56, is another celebrated home, the former residence of the Hon. Robert Nesta

Marley. The island's most famous son lived here from 1975 until he died of cancer at the age of 36.

Transformed into a museum and shrine showcasing the life and countless musical achievements of the reggae legend, the house has been left virtually untouched since his death in 1981, from the modest bedroom with a Les Paul guitar casually slung on to the bed, to the tiny kitchen and the blender he used to make his morning fix of fresh juices – in keeping with his Rastafarian beliefs, he was a vegetarian. You can even see the bullet marks in the wall from a failed assassination attempt on Marley in 1976.

But the tour ended on a high note, when the enthusiastic guide brought us to Marley's personal recording studio and cajoled us into giving a rendition of One Love.

And this being the 60th year of Jamaica's independence, I like to think it was our tuneful celebration of the big anniversary. (bobmarleymuseum.com).

Our cultural appetite duly sated, the next day we hit the road heading to the north coast for Ocho Rios, at David's behest. Our personable tour guide was keen for us not to leave the island without partaking of lunch at Miss T's Kitchen. Tucked down a cul-de-sac off Main Street, Anna-Kay

Tomlinson's restaurant is a feast for both the eyes and the palate.

I opted for Miss T's Famous Oxtail. Simmered for hours with butter beans, carrots and spinners (dumplings), the meat was so tender

it fell easily off the bone. Happily replete, I confess I may have dozed off for a short time as David drove us 70 miles eastward to Portland parish. A few miles from Portland's capital, Port Antonio, one of the locations for

latest Bond film No Time To Die, we drew up at the Blue Lagoon. And beaming boatman Boxer was waiting to whisk us away in James Bond style, on a thrilling ride across this translucent and seemingly bottomless pool (actually 200ft deep), surrounded by jungle-covered cliffs.

It's no surprise Jamaica has long been a filmmaker's dream location and at Frenchman's Cove I could see why. Stepping on to this idyllic beach of powder white sand, dotted with palm trees, it was like I'd strayed on to a movie set. As part of a 45-acre estate there is an entrance fee of £13 (children £7, frenchmanscove.com) – a small price to pay for a taste of paradise.

Bob Marley's house is virtually untouched since his death in 1981



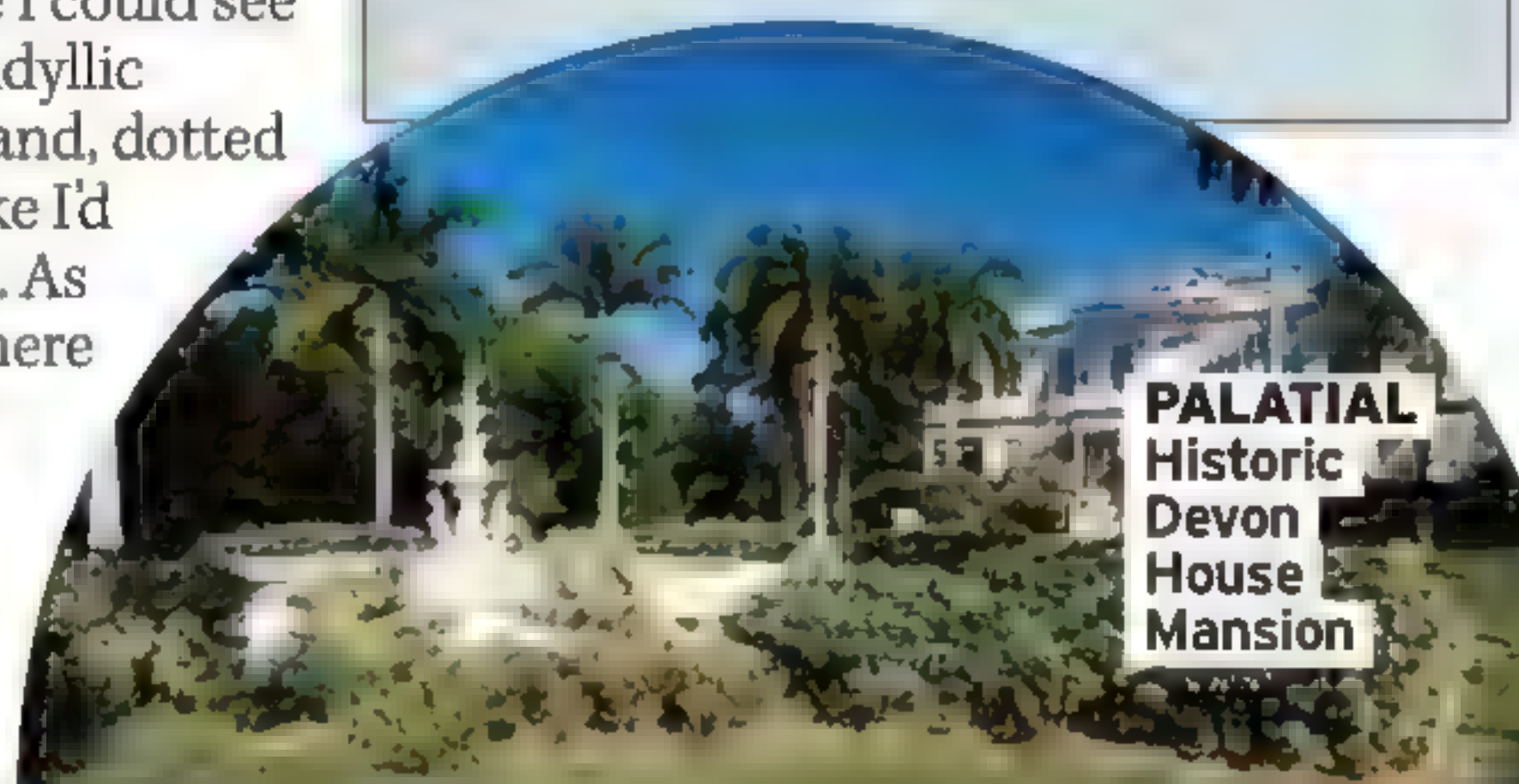
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BY NIGEL THOMPSON

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HOW IT WORKS

Register yourself online at britishtravelawards.com and then vote in as many of the 67 categories as you like.

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Buy of the week

BY NIGEL THOMPSON

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STRIKING Wheatear

Delicacy from ancient times

A flash of dazzling white is the most you can expect from seeing a northern wheatear on the wing.

Such encounters invariably end with the bird vanishing across a fallow field or over a grassy hillside, its striking tail markings seared into the mind's eye.

These glaring features give rise to the wheatear's ancient and rather earthy name - one which has no association with growing cereal crops.

Early Anglo-Saxon settlers dubbed the birds 'white arses', combining the Old English words for white (whit) and backside (aers) as a nod to the pristine rump they flare to distract predators when taking flight.

September is the optimum time to find wheatears in open country or on coastal headlands as British-bred birds and wanderers from as far as Greenland and

Canada head towards wintering grounds in Africa. Some birds cover more than 7,000 miles in autumn and have to perform epic, non-stop flights across the Atlantic.

Taking a breather was often a death sentence in previous times, when wheatear flesh was hailed as the "most delicious taste for a creature of one mouthful", according to the 17th century writer Daniel Defoe.

Trapping wheatears for fancy hotels and eateries became a lucrative trade and thousands of birds were slaughtered and sold for a few pence each.

Fortunately, the practice is illegal today but the plight of the wheatear continues. The decrease in rabbit numbers has had the knock-on effect of reducing the burrow-rich, grassy swards where the birds once bred across large parts of the country.

Hence, most birder encounters are with individuals too driven by the migratory imperative to stop and pose. Unless you are very lucky.

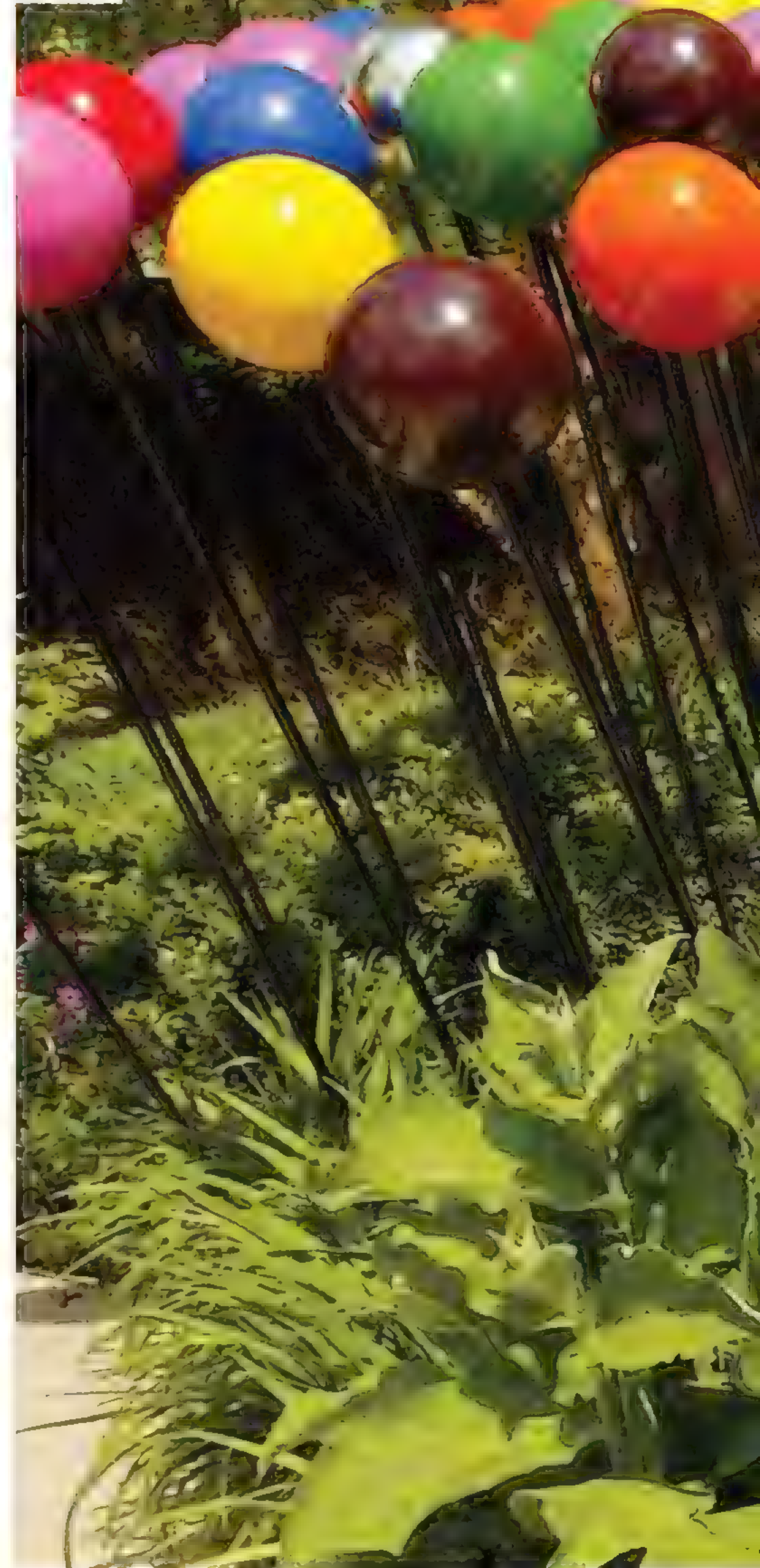
I would never consider myself a photographer but I was left dumbfounded by the results of recent point-and-shoot efforts on my local patch, pictured above.

A young bird touched down on a fence post long enough to strike a pose and display its gorgeous autumnal shades of browns, fawns and coppers. One for the photo album as well as the memory bank.

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time to

POPS OF COLOUR
Diarmuid's design in 2004 intrigued the Queen



Recalling with fondness when I crossed garden paths with the Queen

One of the extraordinary privileges for me of making TV shows and designing gardens for the Chelsea Flower Show has been to achieve a certain prominence. While my designs have quite often been wacky or challenging, I gained an audience and acceptance.

The acceptance took many forms. Mail from people

who enjoyed what I did, requests for photographs and later selfies but also invitations to places or to meet people I could never have dreamed of

when I entered this wonderful profession.

At the very top of the pile was Her Majesty the Queen, the great figurehead of Great Britain. I had the privilege of meeting her on about five or six occasions, mainly at the Chelsea

“She loved gardens and took great delight in her visits to Chelsea”

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flowers in
2011



CHAT Diarmuid
with the Queen
at the Chelsea
Flower Show in
2004



Majestic memories

Flower Show but also on occasion at garden parties in Buckingham Palace. She was an extraordinary woman who loved gardens and took great delight, even in her final year, in that annual trip where we diggers, planters, designers and creators would line up, on occasion having been given the nod that we would be introduced.

In 2004, I created a Lollipop garden, a Willy Wonka inspired multi-coloured design which intrigued her... just a bit. I treasure the photograph of her delighted face as I rambled through an explanation of the exhibit.

In 2011, I lined up with family in tow as my daughter presented a bouquet of English garden flowers to the Queen



PRIDE
With the Queen
and Terence
Conran

who only days before had returned from an extensive visit to my island, Ireland. We chatted about how the trip had gone. It was wonderful, she exclaimed.

Another occasion saw me enchanted by her garden when I attended one of the summer garden parties. It was pristine, colourful and delightfully sprinkled with royal magic.

And then subsequently to be in the presence of not one but two

greats, standing shoulder to shoulder with Sir Terence Conran to present to Her Majesty a main Avenue garden, as co-designer with a remarkable creator



VISIT
Sir David
and the
Queen

whom she had knighted. It really didn't get much better.

If I was to think of plants to associate with the Queen, it wouldn't be fragrant pastel roses or a spring flowering double peony covered in droplets of rain. It would be the evening I marvelled at the television while two nonagenarians, the monarch and Sir David Attenborough, strolled through the grounds of the palace and looked at oak trees that had been planted on the birth of each of her children.

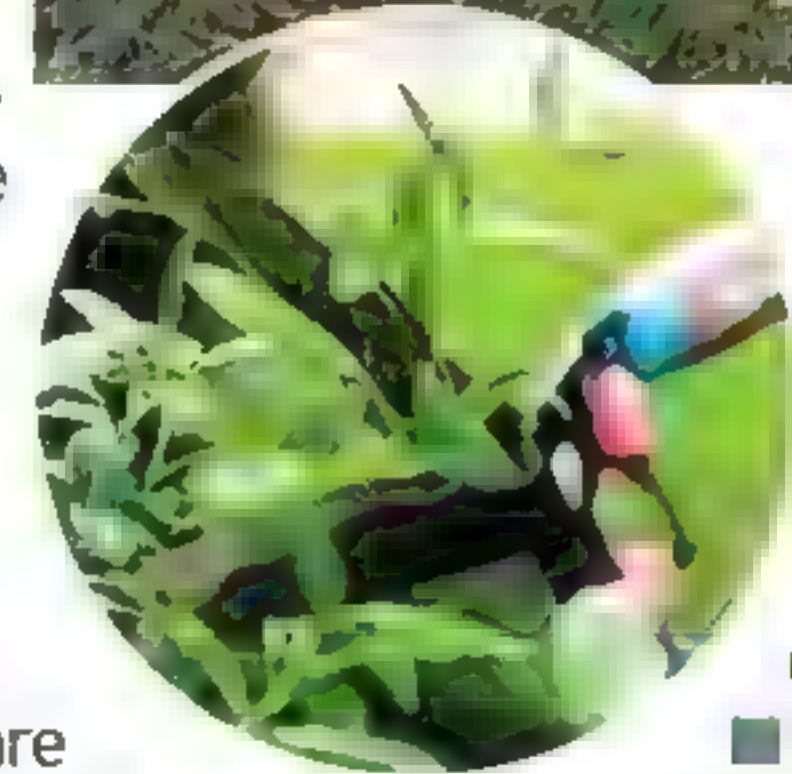
I will remember Her Majesty as a smiling lady who took delight in gardens and those who created them, a person who epitomises the welcome I received on this, your island.

JOBS for the week

- Get your bird table cleaned and stock up on some food for the approaching autumn.
- Evergreen hedges can have their final trim before winter.
- Lift maincrop potatoes and store in a dark, frost-free area.
- It's a good time to divide plants in ponds to increase stock if desired, or cut back overgrowth - you are aiming for around 50% plant coverage of the pond.
- Get your compost bins or



bags ready for collecting leaf fall which makes superb compost. ■ While the soil is still warm, these are perfect conditions for applying vine weevil-controlling nematodes into the soil.



■ Observe gaps in your border - does it need some late summer colour? Sedums, asters and chrysanths are all good options.

■ Plant biennials sown earlier or buy them now - this includes violas, wallflowers and foxgloves.

PLANT of the week



Echinacea 'Sunseekers Red'

Coneflowers have lovely daisy flowers and are useful for providing colour in late summer and early autumn. This is a recent selection with rich red petals and a central prominent orange-brown cone.

Echinacea are popular in prairie planting schemes where their relaxed appearance mixes well with grasses and other prairie perennials. Plant in full sunshine for maximum flowers and if you have heavy clay soil, delay planting until spring as they tend to disappear in very wet soil. They don't like it bone dry either so water during dry spells.

YOU ASK

Hi Diarmuid

I've been growing carrots this year - some of them are great but some have split open. Why would this happen?

Thanks, Bill

Hi Bill

Splitting can happen to root veg such as carrots but also parsnips, beetroot and radishes. They are

usually still fine to eat though sometimes the splitting can make them susceptible to

fungus or bacterial infection.

Splitting occurs when the moisture levels are erratic, for example, during drought, heavy rainfall or over- and under-watering. Regular watering when they are growing is best practice, particularly during dry spells.

Diarmuid



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MSCI World	-1.75	12.92
MSCI Emerging Market	-5.76	5.76
Gold Price	11.42	3.53
UK Property market proxy	4.12	5.90
Deposit Rate	0.01	0.09
RPI	8.03	3.51
CPI	6.43	2.46

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How to weather the energy crisis

Know what Government help is available this winter

With energy prices spiralling out of control and changes in Government, it's hard to keep track of what is going on.

Two Chancellors ago, in late May, the Government announced measures to protect retail consumers from the October 2022 Ofgem price cap.

At the time, the cap for the six months from October 2022 was estimated to be an annual rate of £2,800.

Since then, Ofgem has reduced the price cap review period to three months "to provide stability" and announced an October-December cap of £3,549.

Projections from the likes of Cornwall Insights suggest that the next two cap reviews could take the figure up to over £6,600, but gas prices are so volatile that calculations can change within a matter of days.

However, the threat of an 80% increase over the current price cap level (£1,971) from next month has prompted new Prime Minister, Liz Truss, to act.

A two-year Energy Price Guarantee (EPG) will now be introduced from October 1 set at an annual £2,500.

This will apply on the same basis as the existing Ofgem cap, i.e. a limit on standing and unit charges for the various electricity and gas regions of England, Wales and Scotland.

All households will also receive £400 to help with bills, spread over six months from October.

This will effectively create a price cap on an annualised basis of £1,700 through to March 2023 and £2,500 thereafter. In other words, there is still a big jump due in April 2023.

The additional assistance above the £400 flat payment announced by Rishi



Households will get help with bills, but another big jump is due in April 2023

Sunak in May – such as £300 extra for pensioners – will remain, but green levies will be temporarily suspended.

In addition, households with heating oil and LPG will have access to a discretionary payment. The same level of support will be given to households in Northern Ireland.

The Government says it will also support all business, charities and public sector organisations with their energy costs this winter, offering an equivalent guarantee for six months.

After that period, further (unspecified) support will be given to vulnerable industries, such as the hospitality sector. What the actual cost of all this will be and how it will be met are due

to be explained by the Chancellor in his fiscal statement later this month.

But all we have so far is that the Government believes the measures will knock "up to 5%" off inflation, which will reduce the cost of inflation-linked debt.

The additional Government debt needed to fund these measures is estimated at around £150 billion and will sit on top of the current £2,388.1bn debt, potentially taking the debt/GDP ratio above 100%.

No wonder the new Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng talked about "fiscal loosening" in his FT article...

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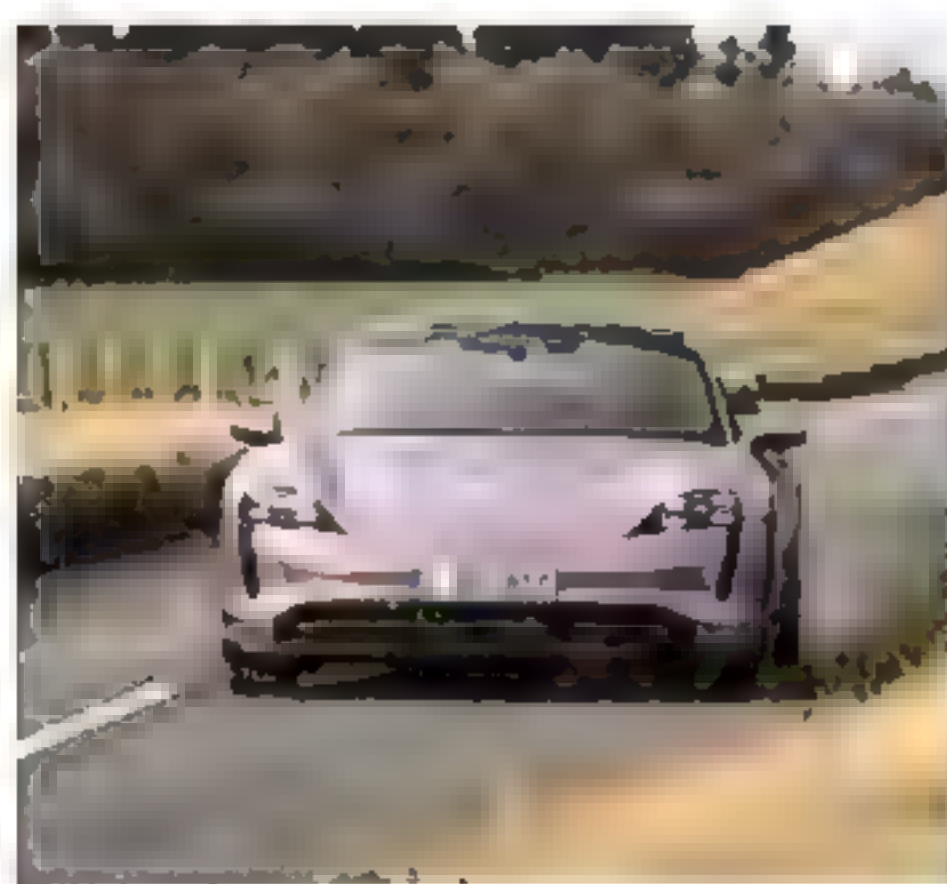
Petrol prices to go up again?

The organisation behind petrol exports has cut output by 100,000 barrels a day.

The decision by OPEC+ is being seen as a slap in the face for Western governments which have been urging it to increase production to keep prices low.

Globally, the demand for petrol is approximately 100 million barrels a day.

While the cut is small, it will take output back to where it was in August, causing potential price increases.

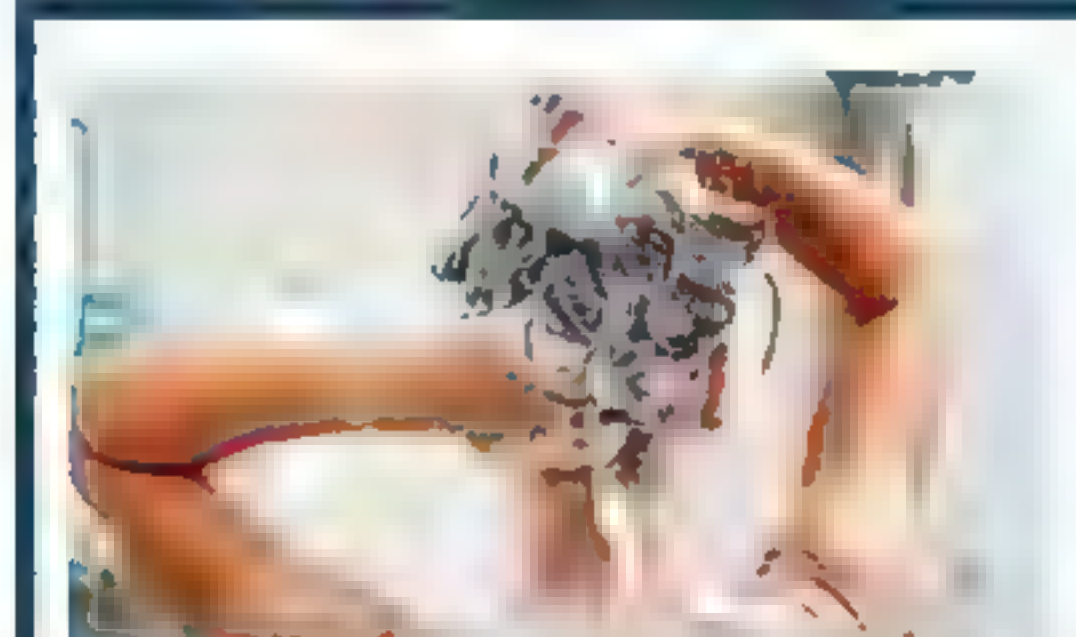


Volkswagen will list Porsche in an IPO on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

The German carmaker plans to offload a portion of its stock either later this month or in October.

Some will go to the Porsche-Piëch families – VW's biggest shareholders – but the rest will be sold to individual investors.

It is thought the flotation could raise as much as £10 billion, making it the biggest stock market listing in Europe since Glencore in 2011.



Five ways you can save cash on your bills

With energy prices changing on a daily basis, here are five things you can do to save money now.

- 1 Turn off any appliances that are on standby. You can either switch them off at the wall or invest in a timer or smart plug.
- 2 Install a smart thermostat. You really don't need to be heating your home when you're not there.
- 3 Be smart about how much hot water you use. Invest in a washing up bowl and consciously reduce the amount of time you spend in the shower.
- 4 Insulate your property. The warm summer evenings are behind us now and it won't be long until it's very cold outside. Save on your energy bills by ensuring all windows, doors and loft space is properly insulated.
- 5 Get a smart meter. This will allow you to track your energy consumption. You watch your car fuel gauge, why not watch your electricity usage?

The BIG save

Q&A

Do I need a will?
WARREN: The short answer is yes. Far too many of us don't have one and, if nothing else, it makes the administration of your estate easier for the people you leave behind. If you have young children, a will is essential so you can name your preferred guardians rather than have a court determine them for you.

I am considering investing in stocks and shares. Where do I start?
WARREN: You should only invest in the stock market if you are keeping your money there for at least five years, allowing time to ride out any ups and downs. Investigate using what's called a global index fund, which has low fees and splits your money between different companies, reducing your risk. Consider sites like Lexo.co.uk or Vanguard.co.uk to get started.

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BY DAVID YATES

SAKHEER bolted up in the Group 2 Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury to spearhead a 34,838.5/1 seven-timer for Roger Varian - and is now 8/1 for next year's 2,000 Guineas.

Six days on from landing the Cazoo St Leger with Eldar Eldarov, Varian and jockey David Egan combined with Exoplanet (5/2f) and Mithaahy (9/2) to score at the Berkshire track, before 4/5 hotpot Sakheer took the Dubai Duty Free-sponsored Mill Reef by an emphatic three and a half lengths. "I was blown away by his

SAKHEER STAR OF VARIAN ACCA

performance," said Varian, also on the mark with Royal Champion (9/4), Dusky Lord (14/1) and Aimeric (11/4f) at Ayr, plus Al Husn (9/2) at Newmarket.

A son of Zoffany, Sakheer had followed a debut second at Windsor last month with a six-length win at Haydock Park 17

days ago. Varian, who will aim Sakheer at the Group 1 Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket on October 8, said: "I was nervous coming in today - it was a very different task to dominating a novice field.

"But he hit the line strong, and it was

RUN OF THE MILL
Sakheer & David Egan win Mill Reef Stakes



HAMILTON

GOING: SOFT WEATHER: MOSTLY CLOUDY
NEWSBOY'S TIPS: 1.30 COLNAGO, 2.00 MISS BELLA BRAND, 2.30 GIFTED RULER, 3.00 CALETA SUNRISE (NB), 3.30 ZIG ZAG ZYGGY, 4.00 CLAN JOCK (NAP), 4.30 KANZINO
DOUBLE: CLAN JOCK and CALETA SUNRISE

1.30 EBF NOVICE STAKES (5) (2-Y-O) 5f Winner £3,942 (6 run)
1 (6) 36 COLNAGO (18) K R Burke 9-7 (BF) C Lee
2 (3) CONCERT BOY D O'Meara 9-7 D Tudhope
3 (2) 50 ERAZMUS (69) D N Barron 9-7 K Stolt
4 (5) 34 INSTALLATION (37) R Fahey 9-7 (BF) Oisin Orr
5 (1) 8 SMOOTH RED (3) G Tuer 9-7 B Stammers (3)
6 (4) 32 QUEENIE ROONEY (18) K Dalglish 9-2 (BF) C Rodriguez
BETTING: 6-4 Installation, 5-2 Colnago, 3 Queenie Rooney, 7 Concert Boy, 25 Erasmus, 33 Smooth Red.

2.00 FILLIES' HANDICAP (4) 6f Winner £6,696 (11 run)
1 (2) 701 SELBY'S PRIDE (18) T Coyle 3 9-10 (CD) P Mathers
2 (5) 732 LITTLE MISS DYNAMO (18) H Palmer 3 9-6 (D2) C Lee
3 (3) 254 FOX HILL (5) E Alston 6 9-6 (D4) J Hart
4 (6) 707 PEARL OF QATAR (15) T Davidson 6 9-4 (CD) P Dennis
5 (8) 256 GUEST LIST (72) K Scott 3 9-4 K Stolt
6 (11) 221 ROSHAMBO (46) J Camacho 3 9-1 (D) B Robinson
7 (9) 332 MISS BELLA BRAND (16) Mrs I G Leveque 4 9-1 (D3) S Osborne (3)
8 (4) 534 KENTUCKY ROSE (18) K Ryan 3 8-11 (D) T Eaves
9 (1) 255 IRIS DANCER (18) T Davidson 4 8-9 (BF, CD) K Stolt
10 (7) 889 ROSE BANDIT (18) J Jardine 5 8-7 (C2, D) A Mullien
11 (10) 560 SOLLER BAY (12) T Easterby 4 8-7 (D) B Fernham
BETTING: 4 Roshambo, 9-2 Selby's Pride, 6 Little Miss Dynamo, 7 Fox Hill, 8 Guest List, Miss Bella Brand, Kentucky Rose, 10 Iris Dancer, 16 Others.

2.30 MEMORIAL SELLING STAKES (4) 1m 1f Winner £5,643 (5 run)
1 (1) 047 GIFTED RULER (49) H Palmer 5 9-2 C Lee
2 (3) 587 GORDONSTOWN (56) Liam Bailey 4 9-2 D Tudhope
3 (2) 505 GRIFTER (21) R Fahey 3 9-2 Oisin Orr
4 (4) 930 ZURAIG (24) J Jardine 4 9-2 A Mullien
5 (5) 705 BARNEYS GIFT P Kirby 3 8-11 B Garrity
BETTING: 11-10 Gifted Ruler, 4 Grifter, 5 Barneys Gift, 11-2 Zuraig, 8 Gordonstown.

3.00 HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) 6f Winner £4,158 (10 run)
1 (5) 576 MATTY TOO (19) T Easterby 9 9-0 (CD) D Allan
2 (4) 294 CLARETS GLORY (32) M Dods 9 9-0 (D) P Dennis
3 (2) -01 GENTLE ELLEN (45) D N Barron 9-0 (D) K Stolt
4 (8) 546 RAYDOUN (37) R Felli 9 9-0 (D2) J Pearce (5)
5 (10) 256 BAILEYS LIBERTY (19) C M Johnston 9-5 C Beasley
6 (6) 262 CALETA SUNRISE (12) H Palmer 9-5 (BF) C Lee
7 (9) 420 GOLDEN RAINBOW (19) G Barker 9 9-4 B McHugh
8 (1) 740 MISS CALCULATION (13) J J Quinn 9-1 (D) J Hart
9 (7) 440 BONITO CAVALO (3) J Goldie 8-9 C Hardie
10 (3) 350 THE GAY BLADE (19) J Jardine 8-4 A Mullien
BETTING: 11-4 Gentle Ellen, 9-2 Caleta Sunrise, 5 Clarets Glory, 6 Matty Too, 8 Baileys Liberty, 10 Raydoun, 12 Miss Calculation, 16 Others.

3.30 HAMILTON PARK HANDICAP (6) 1m 4f Winner £3,618 (13 run)
1 (10) 183 BASHOLO (13) Mrs Stella Barclay 3 9-12 (D) S Gray
2 (9) 463 ZIG ZAG ZYGGY (18) J Goldie 7 9-11 (CD2) C Hardie
3 (13) 221 SHESADABBER (10) M Mullineau 6 9-10 (CD3) P Dennis
4 (8) 438 TANASOD (3) J Goldie 9 9-9 (D6) Shannon Watts (7)
5 (11) 121 BIRDIE BOWERS (21) D Thompson 5 9-8 (D2) D Allan
6 (4) 145 RED ALLURE (23) R Menzies 7 9-7 (CD) P Mathers
7 (5) 662 ERUPTION (12) T Easterby 3 9-7 (D) S B Kerrane (3)
8 (1) 590 KRAKEN POWER (3) J Goldie 4 9-6 (C) P Mulrennan
9 (3) 279 SUNSET GLOW (55) G Tuer 4 9-5 B Stammers (3)
10 (12) 903 CAPTAIN CORCORAN (47) E Alston 5 9-3 (BF, D2) K Stolt
11 (2) 010 BURTONLODGE BEAUTY (3) Miss L Perratt 3 9-3 (CD) Mark Wm (7)
12 (6) 977 NODSASGOODASAWINK (3) Miss L Perratt 4 9-0 JP Sullivan
13 (7) 858 STROXX (35) Liam Bailey 5 8-12 J Hart
BETTING: 4 Shesadabber, 9-2 Birdie Bowers, 7 Bashola, 8 Eruption, 10 Tanasod, Red Allure, 12 Burtonlodge Beauty, 14 Others.

4.00 HAMILTON PARK HANDICAP (6) 1m 4f Winner £3,618 (10 run)
1 (7) 122 CLAN JOCK (18) J Goldie 5 9-11 (BF, C3) C Hardie
2 (8) 757 SIMPLE STAR J Jardine 4 9-11 D Allan
3 (9) 241 HAVEN LADY (16) J J Quinn 4 9-8 (C, D2) J Hart
4 (5) 535 CUBAN CIGAR (32) L Russell 4 9-6 Oisin Orr
5 (10) 214 RALPHY BOY TWO (23) Ewan Whillans 5 9-5 (BF, CD) K Scott
6 (6) 379 LUCKY DRAW (24) E De Giles 5 9-2 (D) Laura Coughlan (5)
7 (1) -07 PROTON (50) T Davidson 6 9-2 P Dennis
8 (3) 663 LOCHNAVER (23) J Goldie 4 8-13 (C) P Mulrennan
9 (2) 055 MILLIE THE MINX D Sayer 8 8-10 (CD) JP Sullivan
10 (4) 447 STARYLIE (19) Miss L Perratt 5 8-9 Mark Wm (7)
BETTING: 9-4 Clan Jock, 7-2 Haven Lady, 5 Ralph Boy Two, 7 Simple Star, 8 Lochnaver, 12 Cuban Cigar, 14 Lucky Draw, 16 Millie The Minx, 25 Others.

4.30 HAMILTON PARK HCAP (5) (3-Y-O) 1m 3f Winner £4,158 (11 run)
1 (5) -51 KANZINO (19) K R Burke 9-9 C Lee
2 (10) 463 SUPER STARS (13) C M Johnston 9-6 J Hart
3 (1) 643 A LA FRANCAISE (10) J Goldie 9-4 P Mulrennan
4 (2) 283 SYLVIA BEACH (31) D O'Meara 9-4 D Tudhope
5 (11) -77 LECHRO (108) J Candlish 9-3 C Beasley
6 (8) 055 SAPHYLYN (50) Ewan Whillans 9-2 B McHugh
7 (3) 532 ZALVE JAPAN (19) H Palmer 9-0 S Osborne (3)
8 (7) 9-7 LADY HAMILTON (211) W Storey 8-10 C Hardie
9 (6) 583 MONROE GOLD (32) J Jardine 8-10 A Mullien
10 (9) 762 TAFSIR (25) J Goldie 8-4 Annie Waugh (5)
11 (4) 580 PASHA BAY (6) Miss L Perratt 8-4 JP Sullivan
BETTING: 3 Kanzino, 4 A La Francaise, 9-2 Super Stars, 5 Salve Japan, 10 Sylvia Beach, Tafsir, 12 Monroe Gold, Lechro, 25 Others.

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PLUMPTON

GOING: GOOD WEATHER: PARTLY CLOUDY
NEWSBOY'S TIPS: 1.50 LUSAKA, 2.20 RIGHT DESTINATION, 2.50 EXECUTIVE POOL, 3.20 SERGEANT, 3.50 ONLY MONEY, 4.20 CADEAU D'OR, 4.50 INVICTUS DE BRION

1.50 MAIDEN HURDLE (GBB RACE) (4) 2m 2f Winner £4,357 (5 run)
1 45/ INDIGO LAKE Dr R Newland 5 11-4 C Hammond
2 -64 MORDRED (26) M Harris 6 11-4 M Bastyan
3 THUNDER FLASH I Williams 5 11-4 C Todd
4 422 LUSAKA (31) O Murphy 4 11-2 S Bowen
5 55- SEIGNEUR DES AS (224) M Harris 4 11-2 H Reed
BETTING: 15-8 Seigneur Des As, 9-4 Lusaka, 9-2 Indigo Lake, 6 Thunder Flash, 7 Mordred.

2.20 MEMORIAL NOVS' HCAP CHASE (5) 2m 4f Winner £4,248 (6 run)
1 242 HERONORD (13) E Williams 5 12-0 L Gordon (7)
2 393 RIGHT DESTINATION (34) F O'Brien 8 11-1 Mr T Broughton (7)
3 674 EASKEY LAD (32) R Curtis 7 11-1 B R Jones
4 146 ARBENNIG (77) J Snowden 6 10-13 Page Fuller
5 175 AGENT SAONIS (26) N Mulholland 6 10-4 H Reed
6 165 SPECIAL BUDDY (7) B Pauling 8 10-4 (D2) H Woods
BETTING: 9-4 Heronord, 4 Easkey Lad, 5 Special Buddy, Arbennig, 6 Right Destination, Agent Saonis.

2.50 JUVENILE HURDLE (4) (3-Y-O) 2m 2f Winner £4,575 (7 run)
1 31 MR FREEDOM (14) Miss S West 11-7 (D) M Goldstein
2 BORNTOEALADER D Pipe 11-0 T Scudamore
3 4 EXECUTIVE POOL (4) G L Moore 11-0 (BF) W F Moulton (3)
4 I HAVE A VOICE N Hawke 11-0 D Noonan
5 MAJOR GATSBY W G M Turner 11-0 M Kimber (5)
6 STARSANGLED JAMA G L Moore 11-0 Jamie Moore
7 34 BOUDICA WARRIOR (31) Miss A Murphy 10-7 J Quinlan
BETTING: 2 Mr Freedom, 7-2 Born toealader, 5 Executive Pool, 6 I Have A Voice, 8 Boudica Warrior, Major Gatsby, 16 Starsangled Jama.

3.20 HANDICAP HURDLE (3) 2m Winner £8,169 (7 run)
1 -04 SEE THE SEA D McCain 8 12-0 (D4) P J Kavanagh (5)
2 7-1 THIBAUT A West 9 11-13 (C2, D) B French-Davis (7)
3 5P- RUNRIZED C Poulton 7 11-0 (D) Charlie Price (3)
4 -32 JUST THE MAN J G O'Shea 6 11-8 (D2) M Brogan
5 652 GLIMPSE OF GOLD (14) S Humphrey 11 11-6 (D10) J Tidball (7)
6 75- RAY'S THE ONE M Pattinson 5 10-7 M Goldstein
7 421 SERGEANT (15) M Harris 5 10-2 (D) P Brennan
BETTING: 2 Sergeant, 9-4 Thibault, 5 Just The Man, 6 See The Sea, 10 Glimpse Of Gold, 16 Ray's The One, 20 Runrized.

3.50 HANDICAP CHASE (4) 2m 1f Winner £5,228 (5 run)
1 132 COAL STOCK (13) Syd Hosie 7 12-0 (BF) F Gillard (3)
2 15- FAIRWAY FREDDY (153) N Gifford 9 11-11 (CD2) J M Davies
3 13- ONLY MONEY (233) C Gordon 8 11-6 (BF) T Cannon
4 2F2 BAREST OF MARGINS (34) M Channon 6 10-10 C O'Farrell
5 134 TRUMPS BENEFIT (27) R Potter 9 10-2 (D) C Quinn (7)
BETTING: 2 Coal Stock, 11-4 Barest Of Margins, 3 Only Money, 5 Fairway Freddy, 10 Trumps Benefit.

4.20 HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m 4f 114yds Winner £4,084 (13 run)
1 473 CADEAU D'OR (29) D Pipe 5 12-0 T Scudamore
2 98/ CHERRY COLA Miss S West 6 11-2 M Goldstein
3 41- DANTE'S VIEW (369) G Baker 6 11-1 T Cannon
4 4P0 PAWPAW (51) B Pauling 5 11-5 (BF) J Woods
5 146 TEXAN NOMAD (84) R Harris 10 11-3 N Brennan (7)
6 63- COILITE EILEY (25) A West 9 11-2 I Edwards
7 -86 SAY NOTHING (56) A Hales 6 11-2 (D) H Bannister
8 323 DELBLOY TROTTER (11) Tracey Leeson 6 11-0 (D2) J Buckley (3)
9 354 ANDAPA (31) M Roberts 8 10-8 (C) T J O'Brien
10 6/1 BOOMTIME BANKER (59) D J Jeffreys 8 10-2 Lily Pinchin (3)
11 0P- CHIVERS D Steele 11 10-2 M Brogan
12 93F LAKE WASHINGTON (26) G L Moore 9 10-2 C Quinn (7)
13 7-3 COBBS CORNER (138) N Gifford 6 10-2 J M Davies
BETTING: 3 Dante's View, 9-2 Boomtime Banker, 7 Cobbs Corner, Cadeau D'Or, 8 Pawpaw, Delbloy Trotter, 10 Andapa, 14 Cherry Cola, 20 Others.

4.50 OPEN NH FLAT RACE (GBB RACE) (5) 2m 2f Winner £2,178 (4 run)
1 -P2 DANNYSTORY (126) Harriet Brown 5 11-0 B Godfrey (3)
2 53- ALIEN STORM (173) C Longsdon 4 10-12 Mr B Roberts (7)
3 2 INVICTUS DE BRION (68) C Gordon 4 10-12 T Cannon
4 2 MERRILUG (55) J Berry 4 10-12 W Kennedy
BETTING: 6-5 Invictus De Brion, 2 Merrilug, 9-2 Alien Storm, 8 Dannystory.

ONE A DAY By David Yates
CLAN JOCK 4.00 Hamilton, Today
BERRY EDGE 1.42 Beverley, Tuesday
Tomorrow: BRAZEN IDOL
Racing cancelled 8.15 Kempton, Wednesday

CLAN JOCK has yet to finish out of the frame in nine starts this season - and Jim Goldie's son of War Command is fancied to rack up his fourth win of 2022 in the Sodexo Live! Party Nights At Hamilton Park Handicap (4.00) today.

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Fitzpatrick and Rory duel

MATT FITZPATRICK heads into today's final round of the Italian Open with a one-shot lead, but the Englishman has Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy breathing down his neck.

US Open champion Fitzpatrick coped brilliantly with the blustery conditions at Marco Simone Golf and Country Club yesterday and closed his third-round 69 with a birdie.

World No.2 McIlroy and Englishman Aaron Rai sit one shot behind Fitzpatrick in a tie for second, on nine under, after contrasting rounds.

Fitzpatrick said: "It would mean the world to win this tournament. I love playing golf here." McIlroy, who like Fitzpatrick will be hoping to represent Europe when the Ryder Cup is hosted at this venue next year, knows that he faces a tough task to overtake Fitzpatrick and increase his advantage over his close rival at the very top of the DP World Tour's rankings.

He said: "I know it will be a tough day. Matt is very solid. These are the sort of conditions that he relishes. He's going to be tough to beat."

TENNIS BY DAVID MCCARTHY

Andy rubber lacks bounce

ANDY MURRAY admits he does not know if today will be his last competitive match in Scotland - and wishes it was not a dead rubber.

Great Britain's defeat by Holland on Friday night confirmed their Davis Cup exit, and their match with Kazakhstan in Glasgow counts for nothing.

Murray (right), 35, said: "I have not met a player that loves playing dead rubbers and dead matches. It's difficult to get motivated."

He added: "When you get to sort of my age and this stage of your career, I don't know how many opportunities I'll get to be part of this team."



MOTORGP BY ZOE BURN

PECCO BAGNAIA is aiming to make it five MotoGP wins in a row in Spain today after smashing the Aragon lap record to take pole.

The Ducati Lenovo rider tops the grid ahead of team-mate Jack Miller.

With title leader and

hoping to cut the 30-point gap between the pair in the riders' standings.

Bagnaia (below) said: "We're strong - but Fabio also is very strong so starting in front is definitely an advantage."

Repsol Honda's Marc Marquez starts his

reigning champ Fabio Quartararo starting in sixth spot, Bagnaia is

comeback race in 13th, with Brit Cal Crutchlow lining up in 19th place.



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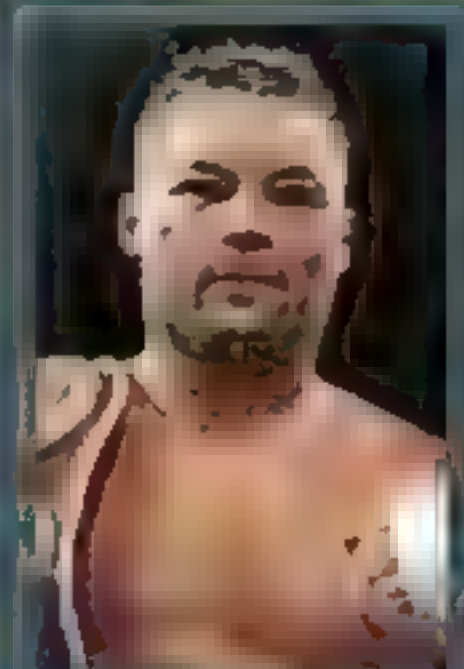
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Joe aims to make it a Fab Four

BOXING BY TOM HOPKINSON

JOE JOYCE believes that beating Joseph Parker would be his ticket to join the exclusive club of the world's elite heavyweights.

The two men fight for the WBO interim world belt in Manchester on Saturday – and Joyce is aiming to become the fourth big name in the division alongside Tyson Fury, Oleksandr Usyk and Anthony Joshua.

Joyce (above) said: "If I beat Parker, that will just push me up to another place and from there no one is going to argue with me fighting Usyk or Fury or anyone like that. It's for the interim WBO title, so if they don't want to fight me I will be elevated to WBO champion."

"If I beat Parker then I will be allowed in that circle of top guys. He is the most experienced and technically-rounded fighter I've faced. I plan to stop him."

If all goes his way, Joyce fancies a crack at the Gypsy King. He added: "Usyk is tough technically to hit, AJ can bang harder. But I like the Fury fight, to be honest, that would be fun."



Kent end a 44-year drought

CRICKET

Royal London One-Day Cup Final

JOEY EVISON shone with bat and ball as Kent beat Lancashire to win the One-Day Cup – and claim the county's first List A trophy since 1978.

On-loan Notts all-rounder Evison smashed 97 on his home ground of Trent Bridge.

And the man of the match then took two wickets, including the key scalp of Dane Vilas, before pulling off a fine catch to remove George Lavelle, as Kent forged a 21-run win.

Evison's catch was in stark contrast to Lancashire's sloppy fielding, as Kent posted their fifth 300-plus total in nine matches in this season's competition, making 306-6 from their 50 overs.

Darren Stevens, playing his final game for Kent, aged 46, chipped in with an unbeaten 33.

The veteran was off the field nursing an injury when Kent finally secured victory to end their unwanted sequence of eight straight List A final defeats – but he signed off with a kiss (above).

HEARTBREAKING & BRAVE

By **NEIL MOXLEY**
@neil_moxley

MARK SELBY'S dark days are behind him... or so he hopes.

The four-time World snooker champion shocked the sport earlier this year when he announced he had issues with his mental health.

On the baize, the 39-year-old is acknowledged as tough, gritty and uncompromising, in a sport where every shot carries pressure.

But the mask didn't just slip back in January when he announced, via social media, that he was "not in a good place" – it shattered on the floor into 1,000 pieces.

Scrape away the surface from this successful sportsman and Selby's is a tale of heartache, triumphing against the odds in an unforgiving arena – but it's also one that could have so easily ended in tragedy.

Now, after six months' treatment, he is on the mend. Or so he hopes.

He said: "From where I was a few months ago, it's like night and day."

"I have been speaking to a psychiatrist for six months and his message was, 'Look Mark, mental health issues don't go away – you just learn to deal with it far better'."

"When I spoke out, I wasn't dealing with it well. In fact, I wasn't dealing with any of it."

"When I'm at the snooker table, I'm in control. I know how to handle my emotions. Away from it, I was anything but that. I thought it'd blow over. It didn't. It just got worse."

"I was playing, but going through the motions. Being beaten, and not feeling anything. I wasn't bothered. That's when I knew I was in trouble."

"It was after the Masters in January. I'd lost to Barry Hawkins in the quarters and I was in the hotel with my wife Vikki. She said to me that on the day of the match she knew I wasn't right, but didn't say anything because she wanted me to focus."

"Afterwards in the hotel she said, 'I knew you couldn't win that. I knew from how you were talking and how you were within yourself'."

"She was right. I didn't perform. I wasn't with it. I told her, 'I've been feeling low for a while now'. And she said, 'Why don't you do an interview and explain how you feel?'."

"I didn't want to do it like that. I didn't know how I wanted to do it – I'd left it so long."

"We were driving back the following day and stopped at a service station. Vikki went in to get a drink. I stayed in the car and thought, 'You know what, I need help'. I felt the easiest way of doing it was on Twitter."

"I wouldn't have been brave enough to speak in public and do it without breaking down and looking a mess. I didn't want that."

"I composed something, and as soon as I sent it everyone was coming back saying, 'Well done, you've taken the first step'."

"I know it's a cliché, but it did feel like that weight had been lifted."

"Before, at tournaments, if people asked if I was OK, I'd reply: 'Yeah, fine'. I wasn't. As soon as I'd go back to my room, I'd lock myself in and I'd be an absolute mess."

Selby's backstory perhaps partly explains the suffering. His mum left

MARK OF A FIGHTER

Mark Selby has been brutally honest about his personal battle

Picture Exclusive
ROWAN GRIFFITHS



MY ROCKS Mark Selby with his wife Vikki and their daughter Sophia after winning the World Snooker Championship in 2021

"I said to Vikki, 'Look, I could do something silly'. She replied, 'No you can't – you would be giving Sophia the same upbringing you had... look how that affected you'."

home when he was eight years old. His dad died of cancer when he was 16. It was more than tough.

He said: "I grieved for a year when I lost Dad to cancer at 16. I didn't have a great relationship with my mum. I felt I couldn't go back into the house, knowing my dad wasn't there any more. So, I moved in with a friend. But for a year afterwards I wasn't playing any more."

"I wasn't practising. I didn't want to compete in tournaments. I just wanted to curl up into a ball and hope everything would go away. To the point where, at one stage, I did

try to end my life a couple of times. My friend caught me once, having taken an overdose."

"I thought, 'I'll take these tablets, fall asleep and that will be it'. I was found. I went to the hospital, they brought me round and pumped my stomach."

"My friend said he knew I was grieving and told me to remember that my dad wouldn't want me to be like this."

That he'd want me to smile, play snooker and turn it around. Months and months down the line, I thought to myself, 'Yeah, I'm going to do this'. "Dad's death had a huge effect on



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SCAN ME

FIGHT OF FOUR-TIME WORLD CHAMP

Mum left at 8, Dad died when I was 16. I've tried to commit suicide twice... I'm winning my mental health battle, but you never beat it

MARK SELBY EXCLUSIVE

me. I still don't think I'm over it to this day. I used to go everywhere with him, playing snooker all around the country as a junior.

"He died just before I turned pro. Every time I go to tournaments, I picture him there because that's where he was before I turned pro."

Snooker's stars will be out in force next week at the British Open. But it's a bizarre existence, they co-exist and acknowledge one another but it's dog-eat-dog once the balls are on their spots. However, Selby says if he hadn't come clean about his feelings, the ending might have been different.

He said: "If I hadn't spoken out, I think I'd have been in the same

position as I was when I was 16. I said to Vikki, 'I could do something silly here'.

"And she said, 'You can't do that - Sophia would be growing up without her dad. You know how it affected you. You'd be giving her the same upbringing as you had'.

"At the time, you just think that you're doing the right thing. I felt like a burden, a liability. Me not being here would have been better for them.

"I've been with my wife for 16 years and she believes I've been suffering all that time. I didn't know. You have good days and bad days. Sometimes,

you just think to yourself, 'I feel rubbish today,' and you don't know why. I can't tell how I'm going to feel from one day to the next. But I do feel like I've got mechanisms in place.

"If I wake up and think, 'I feel terrible,' there have been times when

I've not even got out of bed. Sophia [aged 8] has come home from school and said, 'Daddy, shall we go to the park?'. I didn't want to do that.

"The doctor said that as soon as I wake up I should write down what I want to do today. It can be as boring as 'I want to cook dinner' or 'I'm going to go for a run'. But I have to do

it. One of the biggest problems with depression is that people put off doing what they were going to. They think, 'I'll do it tomorrow'.

"Even if I'm having a bad day, I still force myself to do it. It proves you are going in the right direction.

"I'm in a better place now than six months ago. I've got a doctor's number. I'm still on medication.

"I'm still on the same dose. If I'm in a stable place, then he will decrease the dosage. The aim is to come off them completely.

"It will never go away. It will always be there somewhere. But I feel as though I have it under control.

"For now, at least."

REECE'S TOP TARGET IS TO PLAY IN IPL

CRICKET

EXCLUSIVE
BY RICHARD EDWARDS

Pakistan v
England 1st T20,
Tues, 3.30pm (UK)

REECE TOPLEY has enjoyed a golden summer with England in white-ball cricket.

Now he is hoping England's tour of Pakistan can take him one step closer to striking it rich in next year's Indian Premier League.

The Surrey star has established himself as a go-to bowler in both T20 and 50-over cricket.

He has also shown what he is capable of with the red ball, since making the switch to The Oval in 2020 from Sussex.

But he is not eyeing a Test call-up.

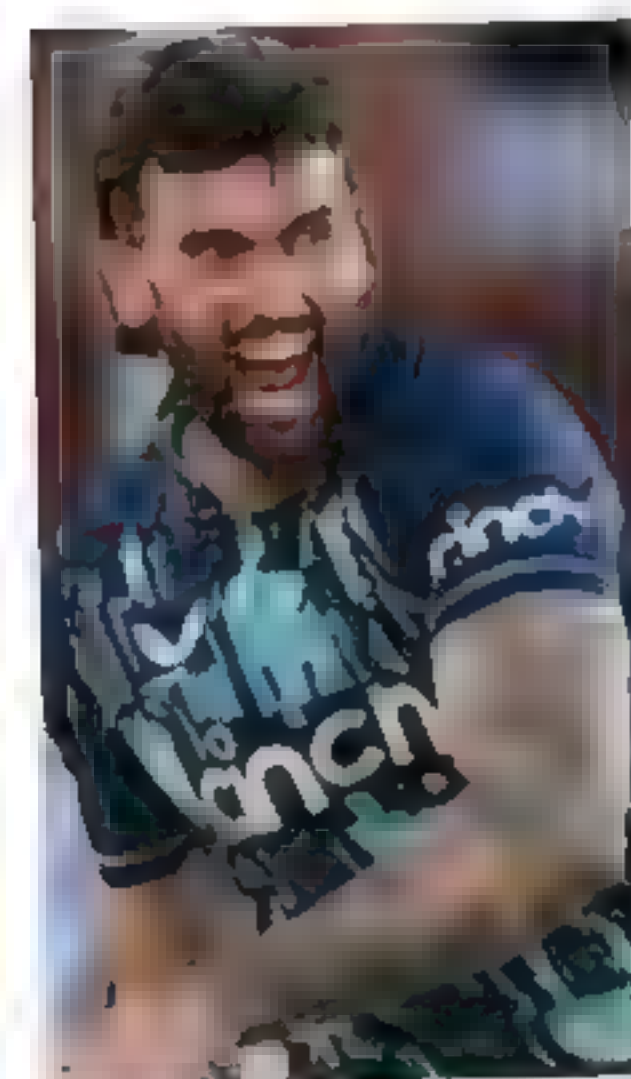
"All my energies are going to be channelled into white-ball cricket from now on," said Topley (below), who is likely to lead England's attack in their tour opener against Pakistan on Tuesday.

"My goal is to play in the IPL. That's my biggest dream in cricket right now.

"I would like to win the T20 World Cup with England but after that my focus is really on getting that IPL deal.

"I've had opportunities to go in the past. Unfortunately, people have said if you want to play Test cricket then you can't go to the IPL because it's not red-ball cricket.

"So, something has to give, and if it's



my red-ball ambitions then that's fine."

This tour of Pakistan represents a perfect opportunity for Topley to show his versatility on wickets which will be far less helpful than those he bowled on in

England this summer.

For the 28-year-old, the upcoming World Cup in Australia - which starts on October 16 - also offers him a chance to banish the memories of the 2016 tournament, when he sent down just 4.1 expensive overs.

"My memories of 2016 are that I was very young and impressionable," Topley said. "I was a bit of a yes man back then, probably to my detriment.

"This time around, I'm a lot clearer in my mind.

"I've got a lot more experience and I also think that there's probably a bit more expectation on my shoulders.

"Because there are so few games, I think it will probably come down to run-rate so you can't really afford to have any off days.

"If you do, then you've jeopardised qualification. You really need to hit the ground running.

"We've got these seven T20s now and then a series against Australia, so we'll be going into the World Cup with double-digits' worth of games under our belt.

"We're going to have to box clever to make sure that we're all fresh and firing for knockout cricket.

"You'd hate to be running out of steam at the business end, but we've got a good squad and people who can take on responsibility when they need to.

"Hopefully the Pakistan tour will go well and we'll be ready to hit the ground running at the World Cup."

RUGBY UNION

Bullied Bath see 14-man Sharks put bite on them

VAN GRAAN: 'WE LOST PHYSICAL BATTLE HANDS DOWN'

Bath 20 Sale 37

BY ADAM HATHAWAY

SALE boss Alex Sanderson saw his side bully Bath to defeat despite playing a man short from early on.

And new Bath chief Johann van Graan was left shocked by his side's lack of impact in the game's physical battles.

Sale stand on top of the Premiership after two rounds – this was a performance worthy of that spot, after they were up against it with men missing.

Sharks prop Nick Schonert was sent off for a high shot on lock Dave Attwood after just nine minutes, but Sale stepped up to the mark.

They even went down to 13 men for 10 minutes in the second half, when replacement prop Ross

Harrison was sin-binned in the middle of a goal-line stand.

Bath hammered at the Sale line for 10 minutes yet couldn't score. Sub flanker Jono Ross secured Sale's bonus point.

Sanderson claimed Sharks got their just reward for pre-season graft and keeping their heads, to make it two wins from two in the Premiership. He said: "They didn't kick stones [following the red card]

which you can do after an event like that. They managed it very well physically, played in the right areas, came alive in attack and they showed the endeavour they have shown in the last couple of weeks.

"It is another performance worthy of all the work they have done in pre-season, that is what I am most happy about, that is what I am chuffed about. They get some worth

for how hard they worked and how tight they are."

Schonert's red came as the game has launched yet another clampdown on high tackles – but Sanderson will review the incident.

He added: "We are in the business of looking after people's heads.

"I'll look, if there are any mitigating factors – maybe we'll get him off a ban, but as a tackler you have to adjust your body height. They are the laws, we must apply ourselves to them."

Bath, bottom last year, looked lightweight up front, apart from in the scrum, and lost the arm wrestle.

Former Munster chief Van Graan moaned: "Against

that physicality we lost the physical battle hands down. I am very disappointed, it is not the performance I was looking for. Accuracy was not good enough today but that happens when you get beaten in collisions."

Wing Tom O'Flaherty kicked off the scoring and hooker Acker van der Merwe bounced four Bath defenders as if they weren't there to make it 17-6 on 26 minutes.

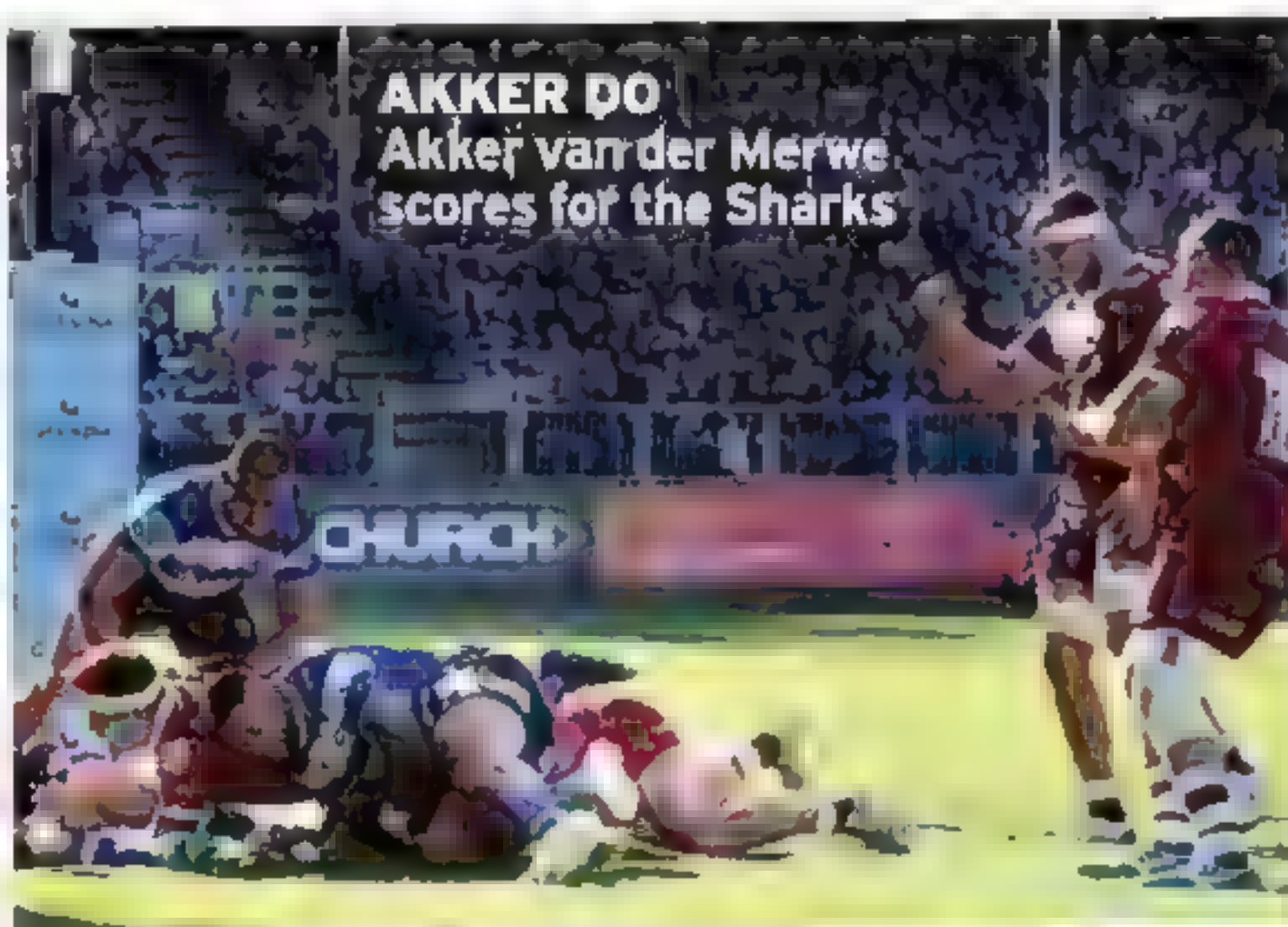
Bath were down 23-6 at the break before Joe Cokanasiga got one back for the hosts.

Sub Tom Curry scored with his first touch in reply, before a Tom de Glanville try for the hosts was cancelled out by Ross to bag the bonus.

BATH: Tries: Cokanasiga, De Glanville; Pens: Francis (2); Cons: Francis (2)

SALE: Tries: O'Flaherty, Van der Merwe, B Curry, Ross; Pens: du Preez (3); Cons: du Preez (4)

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Harlequins	2	1	0	1	2	67	61 6
London Irish	2	1	0	1	1	67	52 5
Gloucester	1	1	0	0	1	27	21 5
Saracens	1	1	0	0	1	30	27 5
Exeter	1	1	0	0	0	24	20 4
Bath	2	0	0	2	1	49	68 1
Wasps	2	0	0	2	1	29	50 1
Newcastle	2	0	0	2	1	52	76 1
Worcester	1	0	0	1	0	14	45 0


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TOM AND MERRY

Tom Curry enjoys Sale try – but it's tough going for Bath chief Van Graan (below)



DETERMINED Baxter says his side must focus on game

Baxter in Warriors warning

Worcester v Exeter
Today, 3pm

BY ALEX SPINK

ROB BAXTER has demanded his Exeter team keep their focus today and not get sidetracked by the raw emotions swirling around crisis club Worcester.

The financially crippled Warriors only got the go-ahead on Friday afternoon to stage the game, after staff agreed to work the fixture despite not having been paid.

The crowd size has been capped at 4,999 due to the limited number of stewards and medical provision available.

And the absence of clarity as to what the future holds guarantees a highly charged atmosphere.

Chiefs boss Baxter said: "We've spoken a lot this week about the ifs and buts of what is happening at Worcester. What we have to do is make sure we don't get overwhelmed by all of that."

"We have stay focused, concentrate on ourselves and make sure we get in the right mindset."

"Last season, we lost up there and we know we let ourselves down, so that should act as a good incentive for us to play well this time."

Wales fly-half Owen Williams makes his first start for Warriors in more than 11 months as one of three changes to the side well beaten at London Irish a week ago.

RAW DEAL FOR UNDERHILL BUT BONUS FOR TIGERS

Premiership Round-Up

ENGLAND flanker Sam Underhill will miss the autumn internationals after shoulder surgery, his club Bath have revealed.

It is another savage blow for the 26-year-old (right) who is expected to be out for three months, after already having his year wrecked by injury.

He returned to England colours after concussion for the final game of the Six Nations against France in March.

And he only managed one



appearance on the summer tour to Australia before being sent home after the second Test following another head knock.

Wing Nemanani Nadolo, with two, and

Chris Ashton were among the scorers for champions

LEICESTER as they got a bonus-point 36-21 win over NEWCASTLE at Welford Road.

New signing Handre Pollard watched his new club from the stands and the Springbok is expected to be out until December with a knee injury. At the Stoop

SARACENS opened their campaign by coming from 17-0 down to beat HARLEQUINS 30-27, with Elliot Daly's 65th-minute penalty proving the difference between the two sides.

Max Malins scored two tries in the bounce-back, with Daly scoring another, while centre Nick Tompkins got on the scoresheet in his 100th appearance for Sarries.

NORTHAMPTON shrugged off the pre-match loss of Wales fly-half Dan Biggar through illness, to beat LONDON IRISH 38-22.

Irish full-back rising star Henry Arundell was yellow-carded just before

half-time as Exiles failed to build on last week's thrashing of Worcester.

James Grayson and George Furbank stepped into Biggar's kicking boots with 18 points between them, and Furbank's 71st-minute score gave Saints a try bonus point.

BRISTOL made it two out of two in the league with a 23-8 win over WASPS in Coventry.

Wasps led early thanks to a try from hooker Tom Cruse but 10 points from fly-half Callum Shedy in 11 minutes, including a try, put the Bears in the driving seat – the Welshman finished with 18 points all told.



ST HELENS 19 SALFORD 12



LEAP YEAR
Batchelor and McCarthy-Scarsbrook celebrate



SAINTS FEELING GRAND!

'It will be a cracker at Old Trafford'

By **ROSS HEPPENSTALL**
at the Totally Wicked Stadium

JONNY LOMAX left Salford reeling to put defending champions St Helens 80 minutes away from Super League immortality.

Saints will now face Leeds Rhinos at Old Trafford, the club with whom they share the record of three consecutive Grand Final wins. The men from Headingley landed a treble between 2007 and 2009. Leeds beat St Helens in all of those games – adding spice to the big clash this Saturday. But if Saints win, then they will stand alone as the greatest team in Super League history, with no side having won four on the spin. Head coach Kristian Woolf (right), who is leaving at the end of the season to return to Australia for an assistant coaching role with new NRL side the Dolphins, is backing his men to enter the history books. He said: "I thought Jonny was

great and had a real influence on the game. I think he would be an outstanding NRL player and, as a team, we've got the class to beat anyone.

"I can't thank the fans enough for the way they have supported me and my family. I've got to say the same about the players, too.

"This is the fourth successive Grand Final and they will have played against a different team every season. It's going to be a cracking game against Leeds on the big stage."

Salford, missing playmaker Brodie Croft with a head injury, saw hooker Andy Ackers forced off early with a concussion.

St Helens, with Matty Lees leading their monstrous pack, dominated the first half.

Joe Batchelor scored twice from Lomax kicks.

His first-half converted double and a Lomax drop goal gave Saints a 13-6 lead at half-time – with Kallum Watkins going over

for Salford. In the second half, Ryan Brierley finished off a delightful breakaway to bring them back within a point.

But full-back Jon Bennison scored on 70 minutes for Saints, who had Morgan Knowles sinbinned for a challenge on Chris Atkin that could well see him banned for the Grand Final.

Saints also had Tommy Makinson binned for a professional foul in denying Tim Lafai a try-scoring opportunity, and Salford boss Paul Rowley felt his side could have been awarded a penalty try.

He said: "Maybe with Ackers and Croft in there, it could have been different as well.

"But we fell just short and that's heartbreaking. We didn't throw enough at them and weren't as clinical as in weeks gone by."

ST HELENS: Tries: Batchelor (2), Bennison; Cons: Makinson (3); Drop goal: Lomax

SALFORD: Tries: Watkins, Brierley; Cons: Sneyd (2)



Grand Final weeks are fun, exciting, you get butterflies...

HANDFUL
Salford's Matt Sneyd tries to get a grip on Saints' Lomax



JARROD WILL FOLLOW DAD

By **DAVE CRAVEN**

LEEDS RHINOS rookie Jarrod O'Connor admits it will be "surreal" walking out at Old Trafford in six days' time – lined-up behind his dad.

The 21-year-old hooker's try crucially put his side in front in Friday's epic 20-8 semi-final win at Wigan.

It means Leeds – who were 11th in April and crisis-torn – will battle it out for glory with St Helens in Saturday's Super League Grand Final.

Ex-Great Britain prop Terry O'Connor – Jarrod's father –

has been chosen to walk out the trophy on the night.

A four-time finalist, the Sky Sports pundit was part of the Wigan team who beat Leeds in the inaugural Grand Final in 1998.

Jarrod was not even born then and, looking ahead to walking out with his dad at the Theatre of Dreams – he said: "I've not even asked him about it yet. I just saw it on Twitter! It will be a special occasion, especially if we get to lift it.

"I go every year to watch the Grand Final and the fact I'm

now going to be in it is surreal. I can't believe it."

Little-known Aussie coach Rohan Smith has transformed Leeds since arriving in April.

Much is down to their remarkable defensive resolve, and O'Connor, who was scoring his first try in Leeds colours in the semi-final win, revealed: "I just couldn't see us losing that game.

"But I also can't imagine playing at Old Trafford.

"It's something I've grown up wanting to do and just knowing we're going to do it this week, I

can't get it in my head yet."

That is also probably because he did not expect to be involved – Smith dropped regular hooker Brad Dwyer for the play-off games, opting for O'Connor's defensive strength instead of his team-mate's guile.

O'Connor said: "Rohan's put so much trust in all of us. No one ever panics.

"That's one of the main things he's changed.

"And now we're getting ready for what will probably be the biggest game in our lives for most of us."



HAPPY DAYS O'Connor after his try put Leeds ahead in their win over Wigan



BACK Winston after injury

Winston's focus is on future

NFL BY **KEITH WEBSTER**

JAMEIS WINSTON has rebuilt his shattered left knee – now he is rebuilding his career.

The New Orleans Saints quarterback was left in agony in a Halloween horror show last year when he suffered a stomach-churning ACL tear as his foot caught in the turf and his knee buckled inward.

It came on an illegal tackle by former team-mate Devin White, and against his old team, Tampa Bay – the side he faces again tonight.

But Winston refuses to blame White for the hit that ended his season.

He said: "Some people have had unfortunate injuries but that's the game we play.

"We love this game, we enjoy the hard hitting.

"I'm fortunate – I get to play quarterback so I can't complain.

"Those guys in the trenches, they're really hitting, putting their lives at risk every play.

"We know anything can happen at any time.

"Devin's a great competitor, and me and him are great.

"I can't be mad at somebody for playing football.

"He reached out and he felt bad for a second but he's a great player, so he kept going.

"The show goes on. I was hoping for a miracle MRI result but it didn't happen and I just had to get to work.

"I'm grateful that I have this opportunity, and hopefully I don't have to live that moment again. I'm pressing forward and keeping my eyes focused on this week."

NFL on TV

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NFL End Zone CH5 10.30am
Tampa Bay @ New Orleans SSNFL 6pm
Seattle @ San Francisco 9.05pm
Chicago @ Green Bay 1.20am

Tomorrow/Tuesday

Tennessee @ Buffalo 12.15am
Minnesota @ Philadelphia SSNFL & CH5 1.30am

Thursday/Friday

Pittsburgh @ Cleveland 1.15am



PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999: Greening (far right) after United won the Champions League

GREENING LOVES NOU CHAPTER

EXCLUSIVE BY JOHN RICHARDSON

HE'S the answer to the intriguing quiz question, 'Who gained a Champions League medal for Manchester United in 1999 without playing a single minute in the competition?'

And Jonathan Greening (below) has just landed another gong - National League North manager of the month, after continuing his hometown club Scarborough Athletic's success story.

It's also a reward for perseverance after repeated rejection, as he tried to break into coaching and management.

Greening revealed: "I must have applied for between 50 and 60 jobs at League Two, National League and National League North level and didn't even get an answer from many.

"I'd even been knocked back by Scarborough Athletic, and it was only after a friend persuaded me, that I reapplied when the job came up again."

That was in the summer of 2021 and Greening led the phoenix club - formed in 2007 after the winding up of Scarborough FC, the team he supported as a kid - to promotion from the Northern Premier League. They now play just two divisions below the EFL.

"That's right up there with all my honours in football, including the Champions League medal," he said. "It's also a reward for everyone at the club who has worked so hard over the years."

A bright start to this season has made Athletic promotion candidates, and had Greening recalling the balmy days of being a young fan, when the original club, brought into the Football League by Neil Warnock, welcomed the likes of Arsenal and Chelsea to the McCain Stadium - lovingly known locally as The Theatre of Chips.

"I was a ball boy at Scarborough FC," Greening recalled. "The old ground was often rocking and brought the town together. Hopefully we can get back to that."

"It's great seeing youngsters wearing our shirt rather than those of Manchester United or Leeds United. I'm proud to be managing my hometown club. I know how much football means to the town."

Greening, 43, knows well that big ambitions can be fulfilled - as a player he moved from York City to Old Trafford. "I couldn't believe it when United asked if they could take me on trial for four days with a view to a transfer," he said.

A year on at the Nou Camp, Greening was on the subs bench as United won the Champions League. He added: "No one can ever take that winner's medal away from me."



THE NEXT GENERATION

LAND OF THE RISING SONS



1500m CHAMPION George wins British title in 2020

EXCLUSIVE BY ROSS HEPPENSTALL

DANNY MILLS enjoyed a distinguished career with the likes of Leeds United and Manchester City, winning 19 England caps along the way.

Nowadays, the former defender takes great pride in watching his sons write their own sporting success stories.

Eighteen-year-old Stanley is part of Frank Lampard's first-team squad at Everton and big brother George (right, with Danny) is a professional 1500m runner.

Attacking midfielder Stanley has featured regularly on the bench this season and made his senior bow in the Toffees' Carabao Cup win at Fleetwood last month. "Stan was at Leeds

United until he was 14 and, given my huge links to Leeds, I was hoping he would come on and make his Premier League debut in the recent game at Elland Road," said Mills.

"It didn't happen, but he's edging closer to it and is in and around Frank's plans."

"He now needs to play some games and Frank and Everton's coaching staff are very aware of that."

"It looks like he's going to keep training with the first team and then drop in to play for Everton Under-21s as much as possible."

"That's a great learning

curve for him and, when he gets his first-team chance, he's got to take it."

A loan move in January cannot be discounted, with Mills Snr adding: "There was a bit of talk during the summer of Stan going on loan to a Championship club this season."

"Frank asked me for my thoughts on it but I said I didn't feel he was quite ready to go out on loan."

"He needs another season being around the first team to experience the sharpness, physicality and expectation. We could review things in January, by which time Stan



Football's hard but being a pro athlete is serious graft



EVER SO GOOD Danny, boss Frank Lampard and Stan

could be in the first team or on the bench for the Under-21s.

"It's all dependent on how he performs but he's certainly got a lot more ability than I ever had."

Eldest son George runs for On Running and won the 1500m at the British Championships two years ago. "George recently ran a personal best and has been doing the 1500 in 3mins 35.3secs, but he just missed out on Commonwealth and European selection this year," said Mills.

"People think football's hard, but being a professional athlete, running three times a day and living like a monk, is seriously hard graft. On Running have created a fantastic team and George is absolutely loving

it. They have been out in St Moritz in Switzerland for the past three or four months for altitude training."

"Over the winter, they will be based in South Africa before heading back to St Moritz next spring."

Mills has another son, 17-year-old Spike, who plays local football, and his 21-year-old daughter Mya has just graduated from Oxford Brookes University and secured a job in London.

Mills added: "Don't get me wrong, my kids have had a very privileged life but all I've ever said is, 'Find something you enjoy and work as hard as you possibly can at it'."

"That will give them the best chance of a successful career and an enjoyable life."

"I'm very proud of them all."

...AND PLAYING A SIMILAR TOON IS BOBBY CLARK

EXCLUSIVE BY JOHN RICHARDSON

WHEN a Birmingham City scout spotted a seven-year-old called Bobby Clark playing for a local village team, he had a shock when the identity of the lad's father was revealed.

It was the manager of Birmingham, Lee Clark - the former Newcastle United midfielder who had been part of Kevin Keegan's 'Entertainers' of the 90s.

Clark Jnr, 17, is part of Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool squad now, with predictions at Anfield of a

huge future. He made his debut coming off the bench in the 9-0 thrashing of Bournemouth, and dad Lee said: "That surpassed anything in my own career in terms of how proud I was."

"Bobby received fantastic coaching at Birmingham, especially from Karl Hooper with the Under-7s and Under-8s."

"When I lost my job there, Birmingham allowed Bobby to move without compensation clauses, back up to the north east with his family. He trained with Newcastle, Sunderland and

Middlesbrough. He chose Newcastle."

But the dream of seeing his son, a skilful wide-running player, follow him into Newcastle's first team, never materialised.

Clark Snr revealed: "I was working abroad. I knew things weren't going particularly well at Newcastle. The relationships had broken down a little bit."

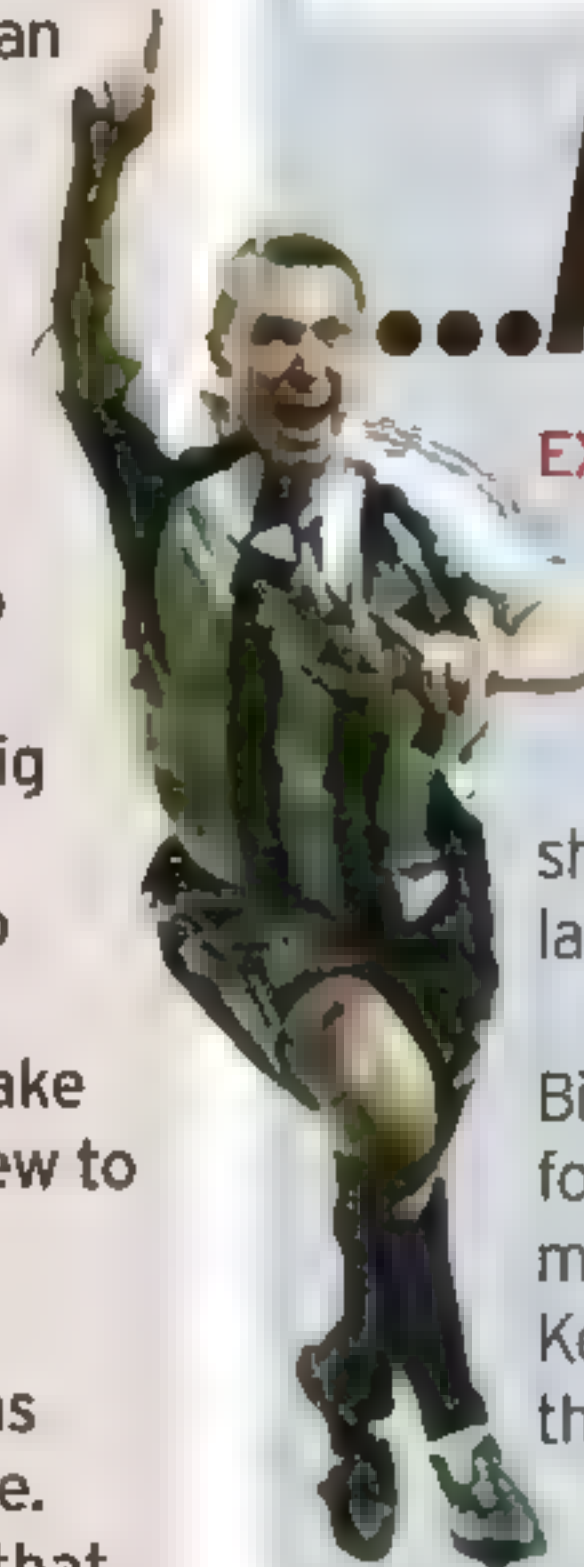
"Out of four or five options, Bobby chose Liverpool."

"Given the strides he has made in a short period, the standard of the coaching, the quality of the

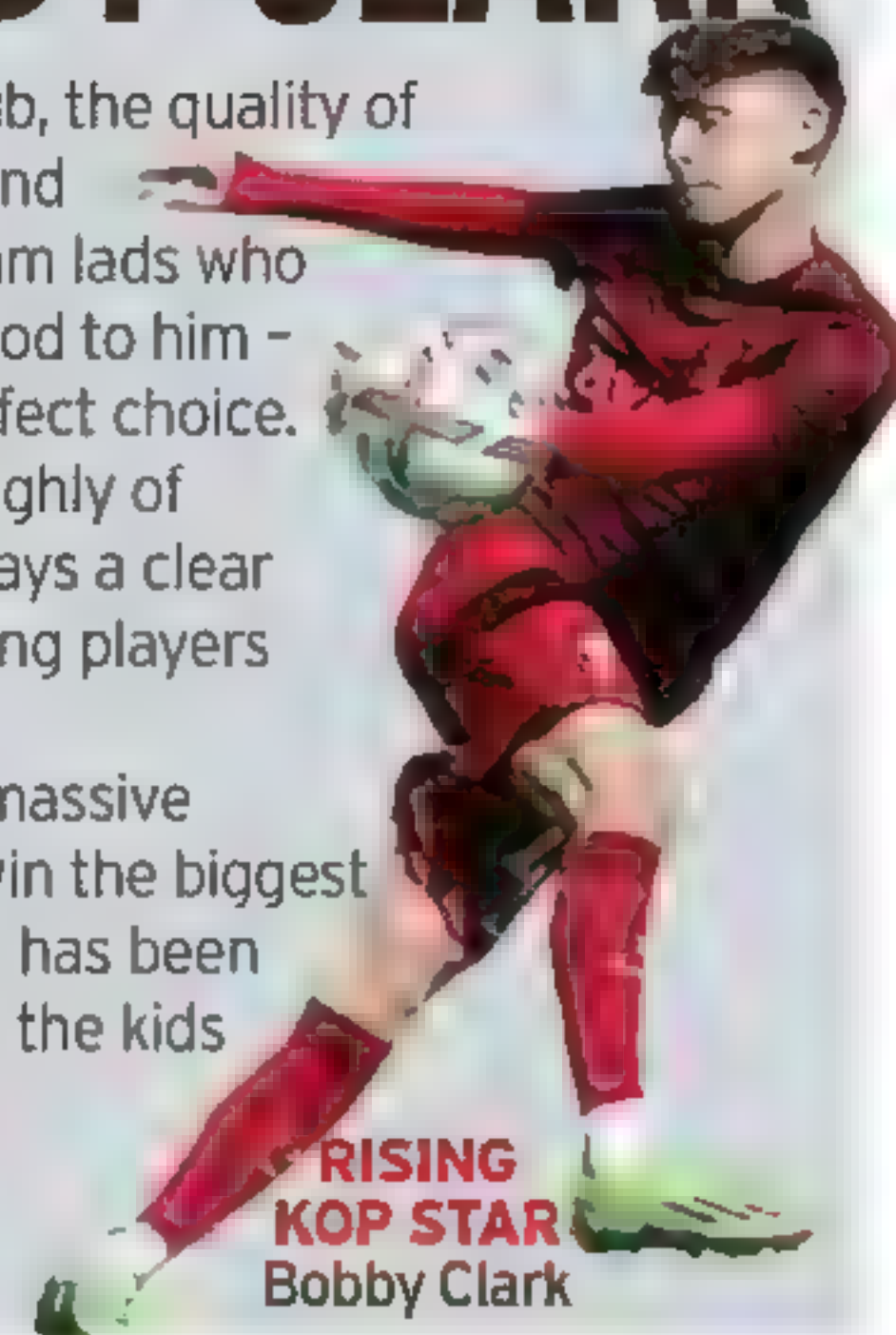
people in the club, the quality of the players around him, the first-team lads who have been so good to him - it's been the perfect choice."

"They think highly of him. There's always a clear pathway for young players at Liverpool."

"Despite the massive expectation to win the biggest trophies, Jurgen has been prepared to give the kids a chance. It's an inspirational club."



TOON ACE Lee Clark



RISEING KOP STAR Bobby Clark

RAGS TO RICHES OF UNWANTED FOX



EXCLUSIVE
BY SIMON MULLOCK

CALVIN BASSEY refused to give up on his dream after Leicester told him he was not good enough to make it.

Two years later, the Italy-born, Nigerian international defender, who grew up in south London, is starring in the Champions League.

Bassey, 22, joined Ajax in a deal this summer that netted Rangers a record £20million, having revived his career in Glasgow after his exit from the King Power Stadium.

He says a humble upbringing in London helped to make him hungry for success.

So when Leicester allowed him to go for free – without even playing a first-team game – he grasped with both hands the lifeline offered to him at Ibrox by



EURO GIANT

Bassey made life hard work for Liverpool's Mo Salah last week in the Champions League

the then-Rangers manager Steven Gerrard.

Bassey said: "In my youth in London, we did have both food and clothes – but we were still poor."

"That's why my journey from there to the Champions League is so incredible."

"To get the chance to really show myself on this stage – wow!"

"I will always be grateful to Rangers for giving me the opportunity after I didn't play a senior game at Leicester. I

was happy that my transfer to Ajax was so good for Rangers because they gave me the stage to play."

Bassey had worked to come through the ranks at Leicester – and also had to stay patient after moving to Glasgow.

Gerrard saw him as a full-back, and it was only when Dutch man Giovanni van Bronckhorst took over at Ibrox that Bassey was given the chance to impress as a centre-back.

He made his mark, helping Rangers qualify for the Champions League and reach the Europa League Final.

So when Ajax lost Lisandro Martinez to Manchester

United, the Amsterdam club made their move. Ajax opened their Champions League campaign by beating Rangers 3-0, but in midweek lost 2-1 to Liverpool at Anfield.

Bassey said: "In terms of learning the game and how to build up from the back, I still have a lot of work to do at Ajax."

"That's why their interest came as a shock for me, because I am a much bigger defender than the type they normally go for – look at Martinez, for example."

"English-type players hardly ever go to Ajax or even abroad in general – but this move was a no-brainer for me."

"I have promised Giovanni

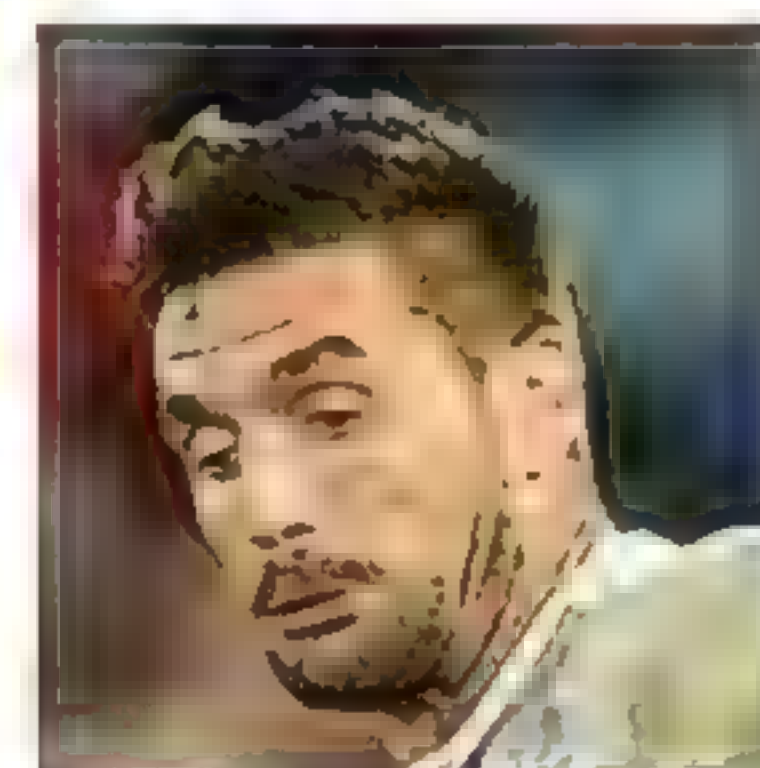
van Bronckhorst a big present because he has been such a big influence on my career."

"Maybe Gio will get a pair of wooden shoes, clogs, or tulips? That would be funny, but no, he deserves a bigger and nicer memento than that."

"I always felt at home at Rangers because the club felt like my family – thanks to Gio."

"The manager believed in me and helped me. In my first season, I did not play. Then Steven Gerrard left and you ask yourself if the new boss is interested in you."

"Giovanni put me in as a central defender from the start, not my natural position. But he gave me the belief that I can become one of the best central defenders in Europe."



ORDEAL: Ajax's Dusan Tadic

Tadic: My fight with gun thugs

BY SIMON MULLOCK

FORMER Southampton star Dusan Tadic was lucky to escape serious injury after fighting off gun-toting thieves who tried to rob him outside his house in Amsterdam.

The Serbian winger, who is now the captain at Ajax, refused to surrender when armed thugs pounced on him as he returned from a local restaurant earlier this month.

He decided not to inform his team-mates of the drama as they prepared to travel to meet Liverpool at Anfield in the Champions League on Tuesday night.

But the 33-year-old has now spoken about the incident, which saw him pull a crash helmet off one of the robbers when they came to blows while his wife and three young children were inside.

Tadic said: "I had been to dinner with a friend at an Italian restaurant, but, when I returned home, two men tried to attack me."

"Although I was wearing a suit and shoes, I was faster, but then they grabbed their scooter and caught up with me."

"The next minute, we were having a fight. By moving left and right, I drove them apart a little. I whacked their leader first."

"The other one grabbed me from behind by my throat, but I was able to elbow him."

"It's only in hindsight that you realise that things could have turned out very differently. But in the moment itself, you are full of adrenaline and go into battle."

"Even though they had three firearms, I would never give up my pride."

Tadic confirmed that the protective tape he has been wearing during recent Ajax games is to protect his damaged knuckles.

He added: "This happens too often – and not only to football players."

Bayern Munich star Thomas Muller had £500,000 of cash and valuables stolen during a burglary on his home while he was playing against Barcelona on Tuesday evening.

FROM A COBBLER TO CHELSEA BOSS

BY JOHN RICHARDSON

IAN ATKINS remembers a quiet, intelligent left-back sitting in the Northampton dressing room with no pretensions of fame and glory.

Atkins, the Cobblers manager, had brought in fellow Brummie Graham Potter on loan from

West Brom. "When I was a player at Birmingham, Graham was an apprentice and later when I returned as assistant coach he was a young pro and, under Terry Cooper, broke into the team."

"Later in his career when I was at Northampton I brought him in

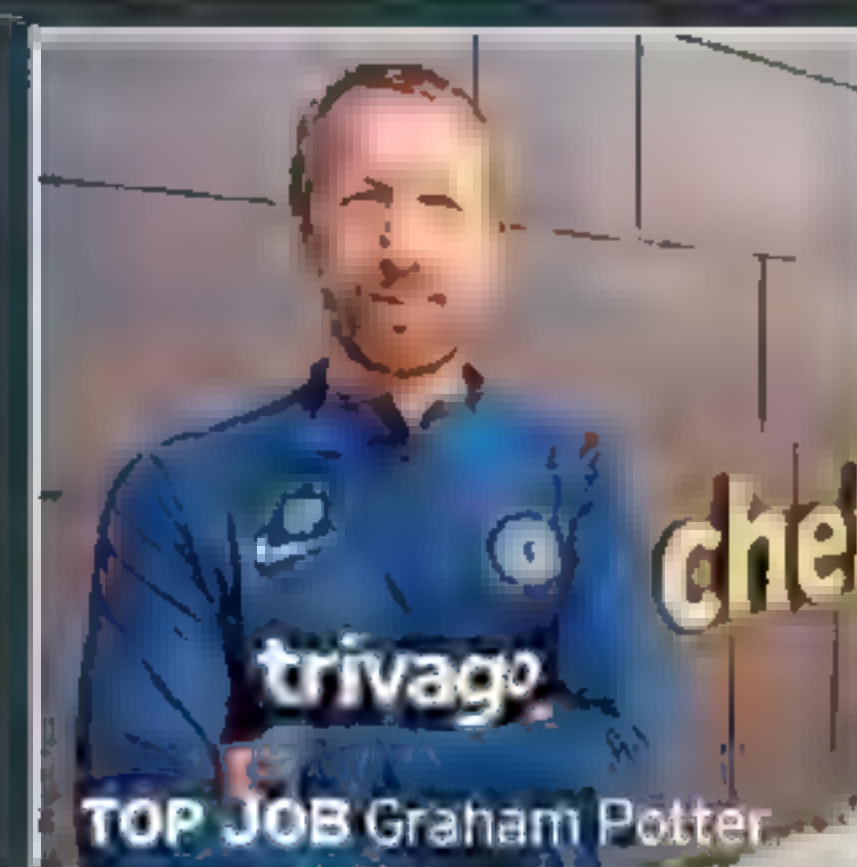
on loan, recalling him as a decent player with a good left foot."

"He was a very quiet and unassuming lad, and I must admit he didn't stand out as someone who was going to have a great coaching and managing career. But Graham chose the

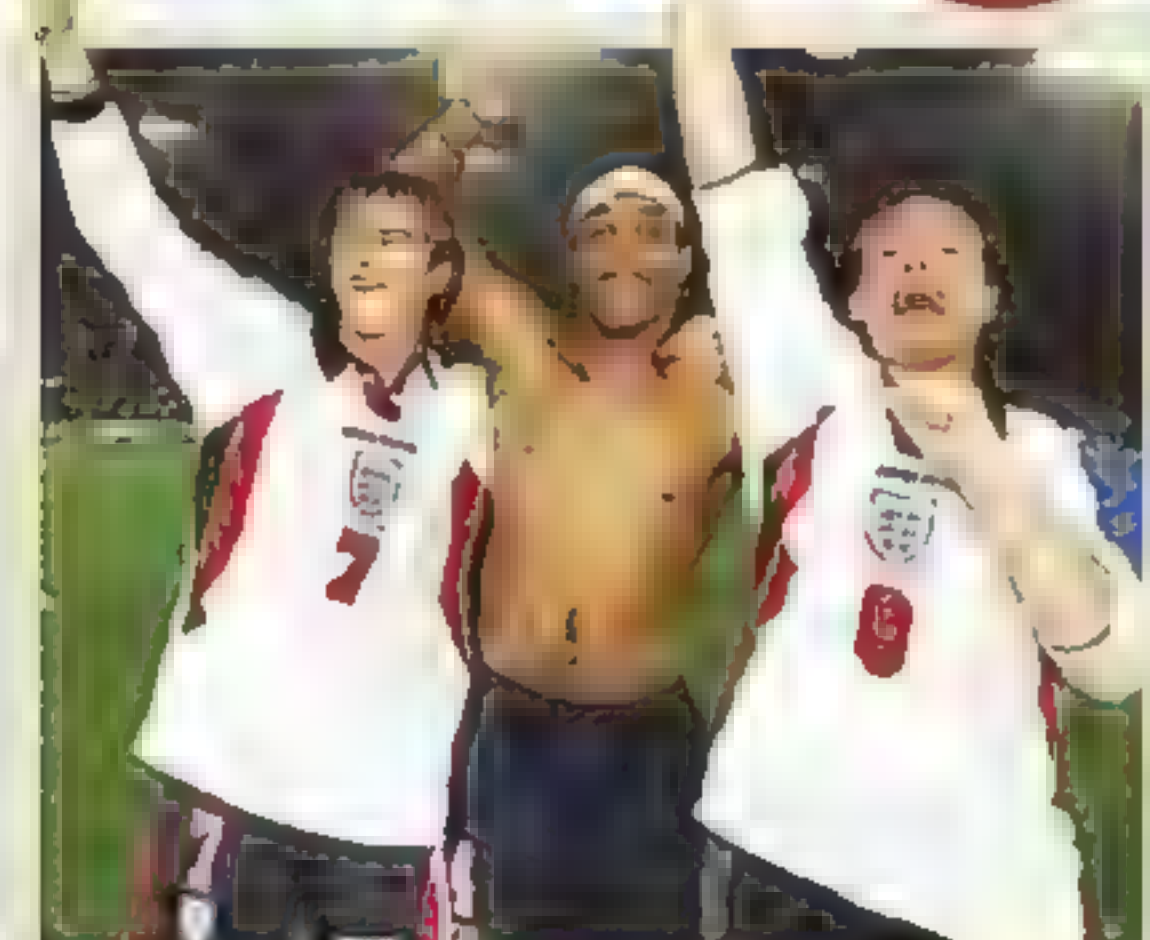
right time to leave Ostersund, Swansea and now Brighton."

"It's great that Chelsea have taken on an English coach."

"Graham's mindset was always, judge him by his performances and his results. He will need that belief at Chelsea."



TOP JOB Graham Potter

Football
Rewind

GLADIATORS David Beckham, Paul Ince and Paul Gascoigne after draw in Rome

LIONS IN A ROMAN TRIUMPH

Italy 0 England 0

World Cup qualifier, October 11, 1997, Rome

BY MATT BOZEAT

THERE was a place at the World Cup finals at stake when England headed to Rome in October 1997.

The Three Lions needed a draw to book a trip to France 1998 - while Italy knew a win would do for them.

Glenn Hoddle had replaced Terry Venables as England manager and started his campaign with wins over Moldova, Poland and Georgia.

Italy ended that run with a 1-0 victory at Wembley.

England were without David Seaman, Tony Adams and Teddy Sheringham that night, but what Hoddle described as "the spine of my team" was back for Rome.

To the surprise of many, Hoddle gave the captain's arm band to Paul Ince rather than Adams - and Ince would go on to have "possibly the greatest moment of my career".

Ince and Paul Gascoigne were returning to where they had played club football for Inter Milan and Lazio, respectively, and, sensing Gazza was nervous, Hoddle told him, "It's only a game".

Hoddle remembered Gazza looking "astonished" by his words.

The 70,000 fans in the Olympic Stadium thought it rather more than that and created a ferocious noise.

After 12 minutes, Demetrio Albertini's elbow slashed open a cut over Ince's right eye.

The wound needed stitches and it was 10 minutes before Ince returned.

But England had been untroubled during his absence - it was still 0-0.

Ince forced a save from Italian keeper Angelo Peruzzi before leaving the pitch again midway through the second half for more stitches and a bandage after the wound reopened.

England hearts were in mouths after Alessandro Del Piero took a tumble in the penalty area.

The referee knew Adams had not touched him - and booked the Italian for diving.

The best chance fell to Ian Wright in injury time, but he could only hit the post - and Italy then counter-attacked.

Hoddle recalled "30 people on the Italian bench" jumping up, hoping to see Christian Vieri's header go in.

It went wide.

And England were on their way to France.

WORLD CUP COUNTDOWN

63 DAYS TO KICK-OFF
QATAR, NOV 20-DEC 18



EXCLUSIVE
BY RICHARD BUXTON

GARETH SOUTHGATE faces taking a burnt-out England to this winter's World Cup in Qatar.

That is the verdict of world-renowned fitness coach Raymond Verheijen, who has been to four of the last five international tournaments with Holland, South Korea and Russia.

The Dutchman thinks England boss Southgate has an impossible balancing act, with players having racked up more than 30 games each since the start of this domestic and European season.

It means Southgate and their medical team will already be up against it by the time they kick off against Iran at 1pm on November 21.

Former Wales assistant Verheijen said: "You don't have to be Einstein to understand that one week's preparation for a World Cup is too short."

"The consequence is that games in the group phase will basically be the friendly games teams normally play in preparation - and then the tournament really starts in the knockout stage."

"The last thing that coaching staff should do is try to squeeze in that one week what they would normally do in two to three weeks because that would mean they would overload their players, which will result in an accumulation of fatigue and injuries."

Europe's top five leagues tried to compensate for the enforced five-week break generated by this World Cup

with a heavily concentrated pre-tournament fixture list.

Players at an elite level face up to nine hours' worth of added game time before they arrive in Qatar.

On average, those called up to Southgate's Three Lions squad will have to undergo six additional hours on the pitch alongside weekly training.

Verheijen added: "If you force players to play games while they are

not fully recovered from the previous game, you are gradually exhausting the body of those players."

"Besides the injury risk going up, gradually and systematically exhausting the body of players means you are shortening the careers of

those players. The things we are discussing are not subjective opinions, but objective facts."

"The problem is that, in the football world, it is normal behaviour to disagree with objective facts."

PFA chief executive Maheta Molongo has already warned that some players risk their

careers being curtailed by the unrelenting demands of the current year-round football calendar.

And Verheijen - who previously worked with clubs including Chelsea, Manchester City and Barcelona - admits that this endless churn of games will also carry a debilitating impact. He said: "What you

see is that the Champions League teams, they play midweek games almost every week right up until the World Cup."

"If you play Sunday-Wednesday-Sunday, it's impossible to fully recover between those games."

"That's scientifically proven, so, in terms of recovery, there is unfinished business."

"When you accumulate fatigue over time, your nervous system becomes slower."

"That means the signals from your brain to your muscles travel slower."

"So, a slower nervous system has a negative result on performance and means that your injury risk will go up because your coordination will go down."



TONEY'S OVER TOON AND GLOOM

EXCLUSIVE BY JOHN RICHARDSON

IVAN TONEY is the Premier League penalty king and on the verge of an England cap - a far cry from being a misfit at Newcastle.

The Brentford striker (left) has been called up by England for their Nations League games against Italy, in Milan, next Friday and then Germany, at Wembley, on

September 26. But it still pains former Toon master spy Graham Carr - who spotted him as a raw teenager at Northampton - that Toney's Newcastle career was just four appearances as a substitute.

Toon had forked out £250,000 for the Cobblers striker on chief scout Carr's recommendation.

"Ivan was in the Northampton first team at the age of 16," he said.

"They were struggling financially, so he was given an early chance. He

had quite a few games in the first team. Once I knew Northampton wanted to sell, I persuaded Newcastle to take him."

"Ivan was 19 when he went to Newcastle, but he wasn't really given a decent chance."

"Sometimes young players get lost in the system. I think that's what happened and it boiled down to the manager at the time, Rafa Benitez, not fancying him."

"Playing in the reserves was soul-

destroying." And, after loan spells, Toon sold him to Peterborough.

"Barry Fry and everyone there put an arm around Ivan and helped him improve. Now, he is playing at Brentford for another good manager in Thomas Frank," said Carr. "He needed to feel wanted - he never had that at Newcastle."

And what about those penalties? It's 18 out of 18 for the Bees so far.

"Two steps and a whack!" Carr smiled. "He could always finish."

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@ErlingHaaland "Kung-Fu Football!"

Accompanied by a picture of his high-kicking, winner against Borussia Dortmund last week, the Norwegian celebrates the 13th goal of his nine-match Manchester City career. He is a truly remarkable talent.

ANDY DUNN



Britain's best columnist

Dunny's Hairdryer



IT is the pre-tournament time when new kits are released - after all, the fleeing of punters starts earlier and earlier.

Although not official yet, there seems to be a new England strip that is predominately white and one that is predominantly red.

I'd say there seems to be a new first-choice strip and a new second-choice strip, but there is no choice - just the one they want to flog for an exorbitant price.

Turn up at Wembley and England could be wearing anything. They are commercially shameless.

Leaked pictures of the white (and blue) England shirt (right) have been met with a good deal of derision.

To be fair, it looks OK to me and congratulations to the boy or girl who won the pre-school competition to design it.

But seriously, it will sell, cost fortunes and be replaced by another before very long.

As far as clubs and national associations are concerned, your loyalty is there to be rinsed. PS: The new Saudi Arabia shirt for World Cup 2022 has been leaked and guess what? It looks just like Newcastle United's third strip. What a coincidence. No Saudi state involvement at St James' Park, though. Oh, no.

BEN FOSTER has always come across as a thoroughly likeable chap and a thoroughly decent goalkeeper.

And now we know Foster (below) has a sense of timing. Presumably not wanting his retirement announcement to be overshadowed by anyone else's, he released it late on Thursday.

Good job that no one of any note in the sporting world had done likewise a few hours earlier.

Or maybe Ben was never a Roger Federer fan.

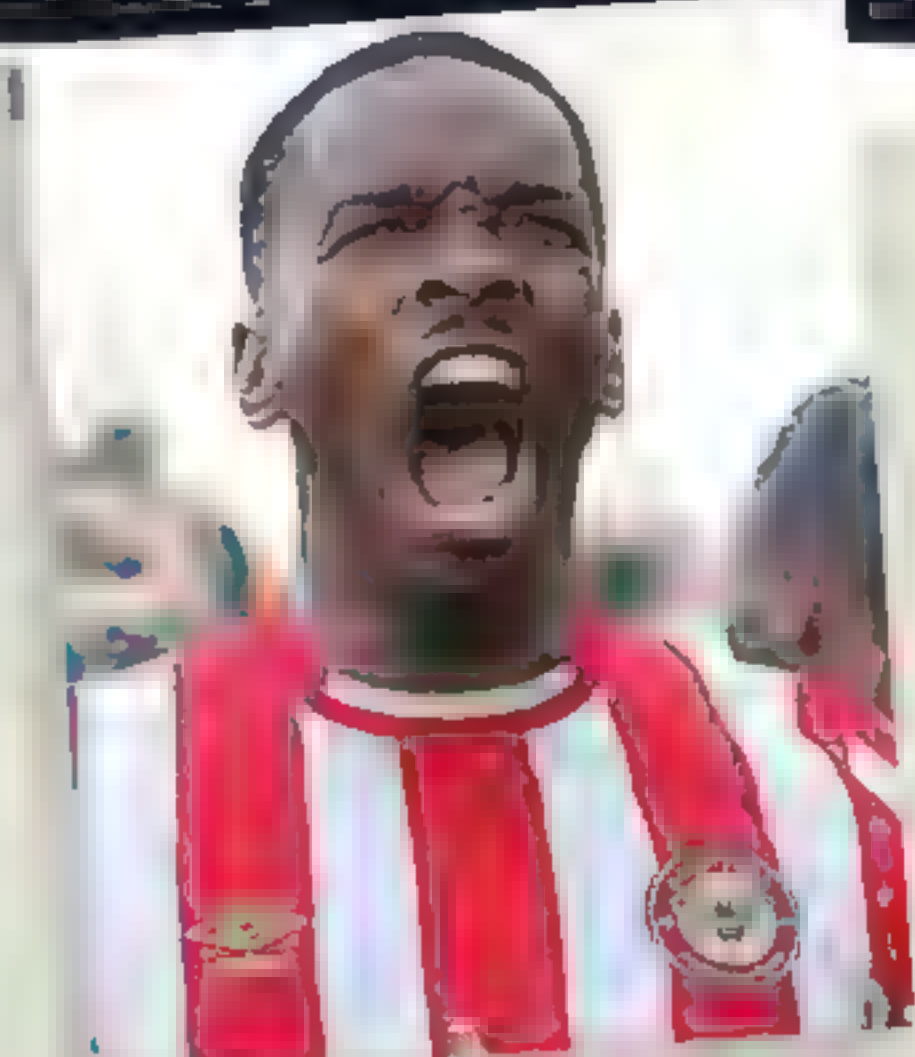


Potter will need more than a gentle Tuck with the fans...

GRAHAM POTTER is going to have one major problem at Stamford Bridge. He is not Thomas Tuchel. Whatever your take on Tuchel, he won a Champions League for

Chelsea, was a charismatic leader and got in Antonio Conte's face. Potter may well "collaborate" with the new owner, but he may find collaborating with the fans harder.

A BRIDGE TO BUILD
Blues boss Potter has to get onside with the fans



WHEN it comes to the latest England squad, some people considered Ivan Toney (above) to be the beneficiary of an injury setback to Marcus Rashford.

But that is a mild insult to the outstanding Brentford striker.

On all known recent form - and by recent, we are talking about the past season and a bit - Toney is a good distance ahead of Rashford.

LOVE this quote from England Under-21s manager Lee Carsley.

"I know Conor [Gallagher, below] will take to the pitch with as much pride in wearing an England shirt for the Under-21s as he would for the seniors."

What does he really mean?

I know Conor will be gutted at being dropped from the big team after winning four caps, but let's hope he does not throw his toys out of the pram. And I'm sure he won't.



FARAGE GOT IT WRONG ON PREM... ITS SUCCESS IS DUE TO FAIRNESS

ACCORDING to Nigel Farage, European football "would be nothing" without the contribution made by the English game.

The odious buffoon made this claim when suggesting "we" should threaten to leave European competition because UEFA would not sanction the playing of the National Anthem ahead of Champions League and Europa League matches.

UEFA got that wrong, unsurprisingly, but there is a broader point here.

Farage (right) is not alone in overinflating the stature of English football and the Premier League, in particular.

It has an irreplaceable role in the European and world game, but, then, so does Spanish football, German football, Italian football etc, etc. Obviously.

Of the last 20 Champions League competitions, the

Premier League has provided the winners on five occasions.

Of the last 20 Europa League competitions, the Premier League has provided the winners on three occasions.

We are hardly the dominant force some people reckon us to be.

But if you wanted to know why the Premier League IS such a compelling domestic product, then the distribution of prize money/TV money for the 2021-22 season - published a

few days ago - tells you why. Norwich City won five matches, lost 26 and conceded 84 goals - yet still earned in excess of £100million.

There are many valid arguments as to why this is a bad thing.

It encourages yo-yo clubs, it rewards failure and, most relevant, it distorts competition in the Championship, especially when parachute payments are taken into consideration.

But these are outweighed by the importance of keeping English football's flagship competition as competitive as possible - at least in echelons below the super-powers.

The remuneration system

means that all clubs get a basic, equal share of the TV deals - both domestic (£32m per club) and international (£49m per club) - and then a bit extra every time they are on television.

There might be some in the boardrooms of the globally popular clubs that see this as unfair.

After all, how many tuned in across the world to watch Liverpool and how many tuned in to watch Brighton last season?

Liverpool, by the way, finished 41 points ahead of Brighton.

Yet Brighton received £126m in Premier League payments - only £26m less than Liverpool banked.

The guarantee of this sort of money to clubs, who are unlikely to compete at the very top, ensures that they are at least able to buy high-class players and fund their wages - hence making the overall

spectacle more compelling. Not ALL clubs go down that route, but most do.

Down the years, there have been times when the 'Big Six' have hinted at rebelling against this system.

But, thankfully, under current regulations, it would require 14 votes for a change to be made.

And turkeys don't vote etc, etc.

Plus, the Big Six know, deep down, that it is the competitiveness of the 'smaller' clubs that is a major selling point of the league.

Bizarrely, in a competition that is all about billions, all about riches, all about tycoons, all about money, it is a democratic - almost communistic - principle of wealth-sharing that underpins its success.

The Premier League might not be as magnificent as some - including Farage - think. But it gets this one right.



"The buffoon is not alone in overinflating English football's stature and the Premier League's



WINNER: Ramsey (left) struck on Friday

JACOB STILL A CRACKER FOR FUTURE

BY NEIL MOXLEY

JACOB RAMSEY says he can afford to play a waiting game as far as England is concerned – and his Aston Villa boss Steven Gerrard agrees.

The home-grown youngster was named as part of Lee Carsley's England Under-21 squad this week, having been an outside bet to make Gareth Southgate's seniors.

Brummie Ramsey, who scored the winner in a scrappy 1-0 victory over Southampton, believes he can make the step up for his country.

But perhaps not yet.

He said: "Last season, I went on a run with my goals and there were a few shouts about the seniors.

"At the moment, Villa haven't started the season that well, and I've been a part of that – so all my full focus has to be on getting myself back in the form I had and pushing us back up the Premier League table.

"As a team and individually over the last five or six games, we just haven't been there.

"I'm still young and I'm still learning – against Manchester City I was playing as a 10, and this week it was different again, I was playing as an eight. I'm still adapting.

"Getting called up to the 21s is still a big achievement, and I've got time."

Gerrard (above) went into Friday night's game against the Saints under mounting pressure following a slow start to the campaign.

But Ramsey's matchwinner against Ralph Hasenhuttl's side, following on from a hard-fought point against Manchester City, has given Villa overdue momentum – and the young goalscorer a shot of confidence.

Gerrard said: "We want to build this around 'JJ' – the most important thing is that we think he's good enough. He's got all the attributes.

"He's got a lot of development and a lot of growing up to do, but we can build a really good team around him.

"I know people want to talk about the World Cup but I don't think that's fair on him. From an international point of view, there's no rush for him. He will get there.

"But he's only just broken through, and he's only just becoming a regular.

"We are asking him to perform different roles in different games. That helped me to grow and develop when I was a player – and that will help him, too.

"I've got every confidence this kid will become an elite player and an international."



EVERTON v WEST HAM



This is a step up, and I get to make a lot of people happy every week... best job in the world!



SYMPATHY David Moyes

MOYES: I FELT A REAL PANG

BY TOM HOPKINSON

DAVID MOYES admits he felt a twinge of sadness watching Everton's struggles with relegation last season.

Next summer will mark 10 years since the West Ham boss, 59, left Goodison Park to take over from Sir Alex Ferguson at Manchester

United. But the Merseyside club will forever be close to the Scot's heart and when he sees them suffering, he still feels it acutely.

"Yes, it does give me a pang. There have been bits where I recall my time with [Everton chairman] Bill Kenwright," Moyes said.

"He used to say to me, 'David, you have £5million a year to spend, that's all you've got'. I used

to say, 'Fine, no problem, let's see how we can go', and we got a side that was competitive, tried to be in Europe, we got to an FA Cup Final, we finished fourth one season...

"So, if you're looking at that time, we tried everything we possibly could on a limited budget.

"Maybe over some periods you could talk about Everton having a lot of money to spend. Maybe this

year would not be the case, but in the past they have.

"So it shows you sometimes money isn't always the key to everything, but when you do get it, you have to try to spend it wisely and we're in that situation at West Ham.

"We have spent this year and we are hoping we have spent wisely, and are trying to show we have

**MATCH
FACT**

AS a manager, Frank Lampard has lost three of his four Premier League games against West Ham (W1) – he's only lost more against Liverpool in the competition (4), while only against Liverpool again (80%) has he lost a higher percentage of his top-flight games in charge than against the Hammers (75%).

PREMIER LEAGUE
TODAY, SKY SPORTS KO 2.15PM

SAYS NEAL MAUPAY

BY **SIMON MULLOCK**
Chief Football Writer
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NEAL MAUPAY may have swapped high-flying Brighton for an Everton team yet to win a league game this season – but the Frenchman is in no doubt it was a step up.

Maupay – a £15million signing last month – understood the scale of the club he has joined even before he agreed to make the move to Goodison Park.

The welcome that Frank Lampard and his players were given as they arrived at the stadium, ahead of Maupay's debut in

the Merseyside derby, only confirmed it.

And now the 26-year-old striker has made it his mission to make the fans happy.

"This is definitely a step up," said Maupay, prior to the clash with West Ham. "Everton are one of the biggest clubs in England."

"The coach-welcome before the derby was the best I've ever seen. It was just so great."

"It's only when you actually see things like that you realise how much it means to the fans and the people of Everton."

"I wouldn't say it gave me more motivation – because I always do my best – but if you feel tired or you are struggling during a game, that's what you think about, these people."

"They love the club and they'd give everything to be on that pitch to play, so you've got to fight and give everything."

"I look at the fans and think, 'We can make these people happy and proud'."

"I'm not talking about winning every game, or scoring 30 goals a season. It's about the right mentality."

"If we fight for the shirt, then the fans will love us."

"They will travel every week or come to the stadium – and so the absolute minimum that we can do is to give them everything."

"Our job isn't just playing football. We can also affect people's lives."

"I really love that, because how many people can say that just by doing your job you make people happy? Not



Neal Maupay was a special guest at an Everton in the Community Premier League Primary Stars session themed around literacy, delivered to children at Kirkdale St Lawrence Primary School, just a mile from Goodison Park. The programme, which is provided in 61 schools across Merseyside, uses the appeal of the Premier League and Everton Football Club to inspire children to learn, be active and develop important life skills.

many." Graham Potter followed Maupay out of the Amex Stadium when he agreed to become Chelsea's new manager.

And Maupay is backing his former boss to succeed at Stamford Bridge, if he is given the time he was afforded at Brighton.

"He won't change things overnight," said the Frenchman.

"He will need time and, if he gets it, then I think he will do well."

"The question is, will he get time at Chelsea? When you're at clubs like that, you must win straightaway."

Maupay, who arrived in England five years ago when he signed for Brentford from St-Etienne, before moving to Brighton in 2019, backs Lampard to have the 'Potter' effect at Goodison.

He added: "Everyone praises Graham Potter for what he did at Brighton."

"Last season, we finished ninth, but the season before that we finished 16th and were only safe from

relegation about three games before the end of the season."

"So football changes. Just because Everton were struggling yesterday doesn't mean that tomorrow won't be good for us."

"We've got everything at this club – the fans, the structure, the manager and the players."

"I've been in the process at Brighton where we had a new manager and new players."

"We had two tough seasons, but then the third season was the good one."

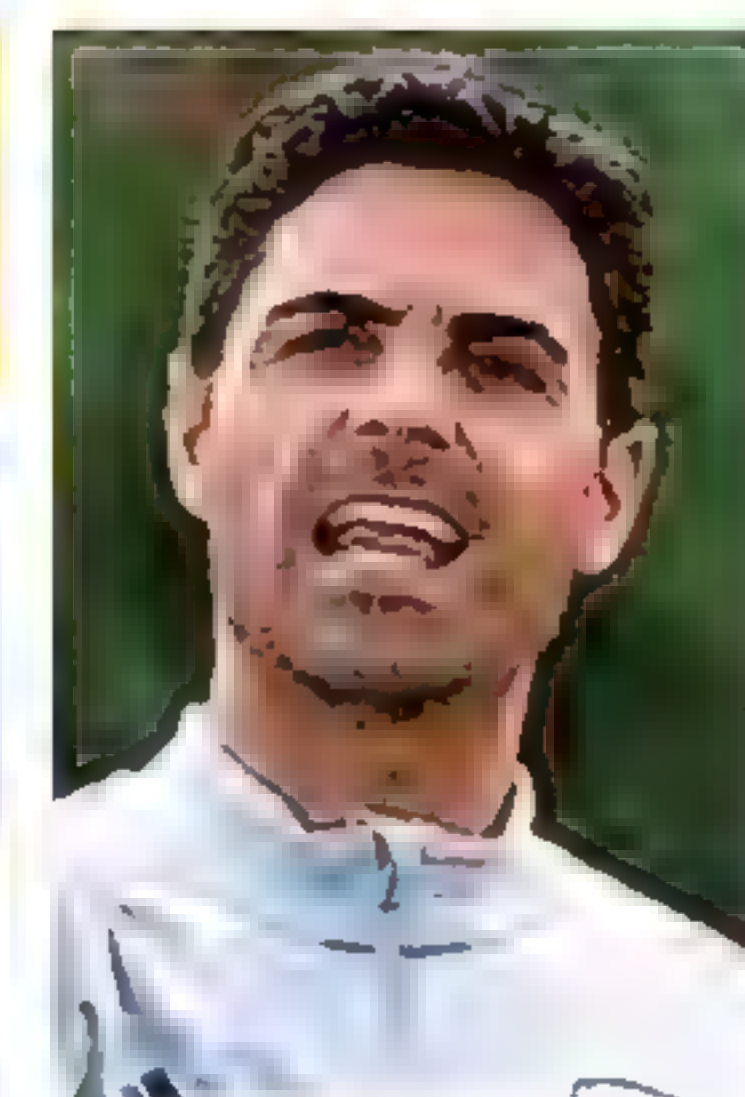
"Last season, Lampard came in and had to save the club."

"Now is the time for him to work on a system and on how we want to play."

"We haven't had any Premier League wins yet this season, but when I look at the games, I see a lot of positives."

"Against Brentford, we were winning, it was the same at Leeds, and we drew with Liverpool."

"I think it's only a matter of time before we turn these draws into wins and the losses into draws."



Be tough on Toney says Mik



BY **TOM HOPKINSON**

MIKEL ARTETA has warned his Arsenal stars they will need to be ready for a battle with England new boy Ivan Toney today.

The Brentford striker's physicality played a big part in his side's shock victory over the Gunners at the start of last season.

Bees boss Thomas Frank knew that if his men could get at Arsenal they would beat them – and after that 2-0 home win Toney put out a tweet which read, 'Nice kickabout with the boys', mocking the ease with which they'd won what was their first Premier League game.

Arteta (above) has addressed his side's lack of physicality since then in the transfer market. Asked if his team was better equipped now to cope with a more physical challenge from opponents, the Gunners boss said: "I will tell you after the game."

"I have seen a lot of their games, Toney stretches out his arms against any defender and he can hold the ball and make you feel like it's a physical challenge."

"I will prepare my players and they have to be ready for the battles, they have to win the duels."

"Physically powerful are the right words for a lot of the signings we have made. You have to be equipped physically in this league."

"That does not mean only the physical contact. You have to be equipped in

your head as well, because if you don't read the situation you are always late. It is a balance."

One of the big boys Arteta has brought in is goalkeeper Aaron Ramsdale, who has again been called up to Gareth Southgate's England squad for the upcoming Nations League fixtures.

And while Southgate has made it clear in recent months that Jordan Pickford remains his No.1, with the Everton star out through injury there is a chance for Ramsdale to stake his claim.

Arteta added: "I hope he is the England No.1, it will be great for us and great for Aaron. He has shown in the last year or so what he is capable of doing. We will be watching and waiting for that decision."

Asked how it would boost Ramsdale's confidence, Arteta laughed and said: "Aaron is pretty confident. It would be a good reward for him."

With the release of former Arsenal vice-chairman David Dein's new book, former Gunners boss Arsene Wenger has been back in the news and so, too, has his 2018 exit.

The Frenchman, in charge for 22 years, still hasn't been back, and Arteta, who played under him, wishes he had.

Arteta said: "I would have loved to have had him closer to have the opportunity to open up and in certain periods just listen and learn from him."

"But he did it to be sure whoever came after him had the respect and space he believed was important. He honoured that."

JOSH HAPPY AS CAN BEE

BRENTFORD midfielder Josh Dasilva says it would be a special moment to line up against his former team-mates.

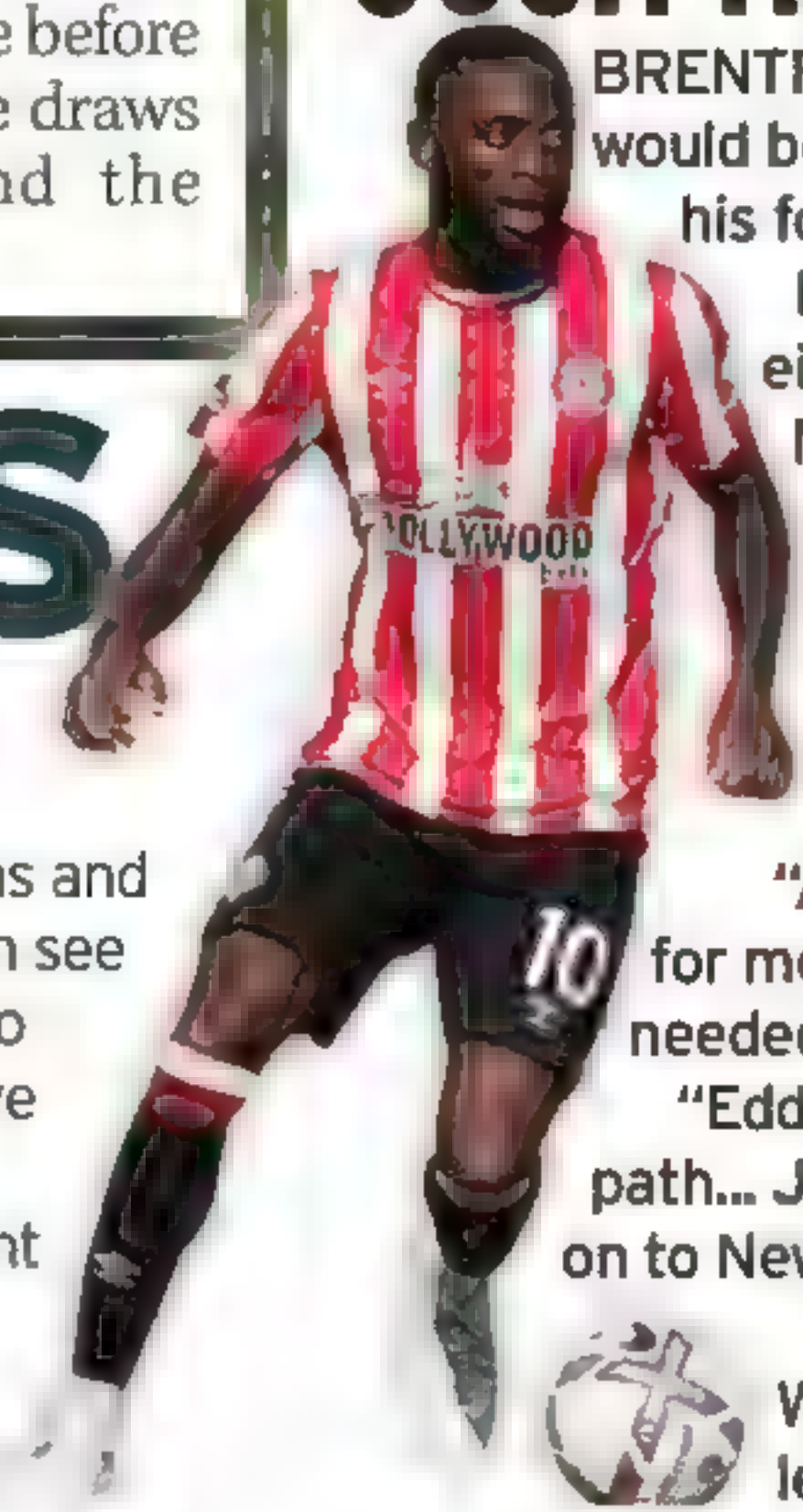
Dasilva joined Arsenal at the age of eight and played with the likes of Eddie Nketiah, Emile Smith Rowe and Bukayo Saka before opting to leave for the Bees in 2018 in pursuit of more game time.

The 23-year-old (left) admits the decision was hard, but says he is happy with how things have panned out.

"At the time I didn't really see a pathway for me to get into Arsenal's first team. I needed to make my name elsewhere," he said.

"Eddie's chosen that path, I've chosen this path... Joe Willock chose to leave and has gone on to Newcastle."

"It doesn't matter, really, what path. We're all enjoying playing in the best league and it's a very proud moment."



OVER PLIGHT OF TOFFEES

made good signings." Despite his concerns for Everton last season, Moyes never felt they would get relegated.

He added: "I felt Everton had enough and enough good players to get out of trouble."

"I have to say, we were all watching the game at Burnley when things went against them."

"And Mike Jackson did a great

job when he took over at Burnley for the last six or eight games."

"It was tight, but I never really felt that Everton would be one of the teams that went down."

Moyes is back at Goodison this afternoon, with Frank Lampard now occupying his old seat in the home dugout.

And he knows the younger boss will have learnt a lot from last

season's battles. Moyes said:

"Frank has spent most of his career playing at the top end."

"It shows you another side of football and sometimes you need to see how to cope with it."

"You would rather not see it, but when you're a young manager, you have to expect there are going to be bad times, if you want to be in the job for a long period. Frank

handled it well. He got through it."

"I don't know all the ins and outs at Everton, but I can see they haven't been able to spend as much as they've done in recent years."

"But they have brought in players who will give them and the team some stability."

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ROBBIE FOWLER

Our Anfield legend always hits the mark



Toney deserves his call up. England have not always picked strikers based on form!

EVEN if I had any doubts about Ivan Toney's international qualifications - and I don't - I'd be a hypocrite if I didn't welcome his England selection.

I'm always banging on about picking players in form or encouraging them with games for doing the right things.

He may be with an unfashionable club and there may be questions about his quality (although there are always questions about goalscorers), but he has the right to be in Gareth Southgate's squad because he's earned it the hard way.

I know, from bitter experience, that England very definitely doesn't always operate on the principle of selecting those who are currently doing their job the best. Forgive me if you've heard this before, but I scored almost 100 goals before I got my first senior cap.

I got those goals in a couple of years, too. Nowadays, at 21, as I was then, that would get me a £100million move to the biggest clubs in the world. Back then, it got me 13 minutes at the end of a c**p friendly against Bulgaria.

I don't know how much better my form could have been. Am I bitter? Not in that sense, but I don't look back on my England career with any warmth, because I felt - and feel - I should have played more when I was at the absolute peak of my game.

Look at the 1996 European Championships semi-final with Germany. I was on the bench, and we were drawing 1-1. I'd scored 90 goals in two and a bit seasons, and I'd scored 36 goals that season

alone! We didn't bring one sub on, not even to take a penalty.

I'd just turned 21, pretty much the same age as Erling Haaland. Do you think he'd get a game now in a similar situation?!

I'm not moaning about it, but making the point - go on form.

I should have been on for extra time, no question.

Toney has scored five goals already this season, and he's got to where he is for one reason - he keeps scoring... 52 now for Brentford in two seasons and a few games. That's the only true qualification you can judge a striker on.

I really hope Gareth gives him a proper chance, not just in this international break, but actually in taking him on what he does in the England shirt. If he performs, he should stay in, no matter which other players are coming back.

There is a thing I've noticed about the England centre-forward position these days, though, there are not too many to choose from.

Dominic Calvert-Lewin and Ollie Watkins have injury problems, but there's no depth.

In 1996, strikers such as Ian Wright, Andy Cole, Stan Collymore, David Hirst, Kevin Phillips, Tony Cottee and Matt Le Tissier didn't get near the England squad.

What's changed? Well academy football for a start.

I'm not knocking it, but there is a standard way of playing now, and that usually requires only one out-and-out striker, if that.

And there's the other obvious fact that clubs spend massive,

massive money on the currency of football - goals. So chances are, as a kid, you're not getting past the multi-million pound signing from abroad, who plays up front.

Here's a story for you from a time I was mentoring at Liverpool. Alex Inglethorpe, the academy director there, spoke with Trent Alexander-Arnold, who was playing in midfield and further up, about his pathway to the first team.

They realised there was far more chance of him getting through at right-back, rather than his preferred position - and they were spot on. A top-class talent progressed right through to the first team.

And I think that's what is happening now. Kids with real talent at centre-forward are looking at it and thinking, "I'm not getting past Haaland or Darwin Nunez or whoever, so maybe I should look at playing wide, or behind the forward".

Combine the two and you have a problem of talent emerging. These things go in cycles, though. I've been looking at the Championship, and more and more teams are playing with three or five at the back.

That allows two forwards to be played up top and if more Premier League sides do it, then there will be more opportunities.

Also, you know all that hero thing... well, Haaland is a pretty good advert for playing centre-forward right now!

In the meantime, Toney has a great opportunity to force his way into the England squad before the World Cup.

And not only does he deserve it - but I really hope he takes it.

TIME FOR BLUES TO CALL THE TUNE...

AT the start of the season, you wouldn't have put too much money on Everton v West Ham being a game where the loser would be in the bottom three, going into the international break.

But the table doesn't lie.

West Ham have struggled to accommodate their new signings and laboured with the tough Thursday-Sunday schedule of the Europa Conference League.

Everton, well, they haven't won any games. It's as simple - and as worrying - as that. I think they recruited well in the summer and Frank Lampard has changed the mood around Goodison, no doubt.

They've also looked decent in a lot of their matches this season. But none of that matters once you get stuck in the rut of a run of games without a win.

Football's all about confidence.

You look at the great teams, and when they go on a winning run it becomes an addictive habit.

They think they're unbeatable and that's how it turns out.

But the converse is true as well. Losing so easily becomes a habit... a bloody nasty one, too, and one that's hard to kick.

It doesn't matter how you feel you're playing, in the end, without a win, you start to hide a little, take the easy option, let someone else take responsibility. It's a destructive, negative spiral.

Everton are approaching that territory now. They desperately need a win to give that little lift before the internationals, to make training a place you want to be for the players left behind.

So it needs someone to stand up and drive them towards what they want and need. Frank Lampard will be looking around at his squad now and staring into the eyes of his players to see who has that.

His new signings look like they do. Idrissa Gueye and Amadou Onana look like they have that and I know Conor Coady and James Tarkowski are leaders, too. Neal Maupay brings the confidence of top-four Brighton with him.

Some of those have to stand up against a good West Ham team because, no matter how well they've played, they really can't go on much longer without a win... those are the sorts of habits which get you relegated.



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Grealish 1, Haaland 16, Foden 69



THE GREAT DEAL



AGONY AND THE ECSTASY
Grealish is floored by Wolves defender Collins after he floors the Wolves defence

JACK GREALISH has confessed that he likes to take a bit of a kicking. He reckons it makes him play better.

Maybe that's why Pep Guardiola gave his £100million midfielder the nod at Molineux after a week when the boot really went in over Grealish's failure to give Manchester City enough bang for their buck.

It certainly worked. Perhaps Pep knows best, hey?

In fact, it took Grealish just 53 seconds to repay his manager's faith and answer the critics.

And how he enjoyed doing it in front of fans who will always have him down as a bona fide Villan.

Phil Foden and Kevin De Bruyne combined down the right in City's first attack.

And although De Bruyne's low cross was too strong for Erling Haaland as he arrived at the near post, it was perfect for Grealish to steer in his first goal of the season.

Injuries meant this was only his second Premier League start of the campaign.

But Grealish scored just six times and conjured up only four assists after arriving from Villa last summer and he knows he will have to beef up those stats if he wants to be taken

Jack repays Pep's faith, but he still needs to beef it up...

SIMON MULLOCK

VERDICT FROM MOLINEUX



seriously. The Brummie certainly played his part back on familiar West Midlands soil as City moved to the top of the table with some ease.

Wolves had to play the last hour with 10 men after Nathan Collins was sent off for an ugly challenge on Grealish that threatened to cut him off at the hip. But by then it was virtually game over.

Haaland had strode forward like a marauding Viking, ponytail flapping behind him, to put City two-up in the 15th minute.

The Norwegian certainly isn't struggling to live up to the hype. This was his 14th goal of a season that is starting to look ominous for the rest of the division.

Haaland threatened to add to

his impressive tally every time he got a sight of Wolves keeper Jose Sa.

And he also showed he is a maker as well as a taker by brilliantly linking up with De Bruyne as the Belgian provided the cross for Foden to score in the second half.

With Ruben Neves dropping back to play as an emergency centre-back after Collins' departure, Bruno Lage would have been worried that the beating could have become a rout that might cost a manager their job.

But with City playing in second gear after the break, they only had Foden's smartly worked goal in the 68th minute. Soon after,

Guardiola sent on

Ilkay Gundogan, Riyad Mahrez and Julian Alvarez as substitutes.

Talk about flexing your muscles. When Grealish was later replaced by 20-year-old Cole Palmer, he left with a wave to the Wolves fans on the South Bank giving him grief.

Molineux paid tribute to The Queen before kick-off with a silence that was observed impeccably by those supporters in their seats.

Unfortunately, it was broken by some City fans who had opted for one more pint on the concourse and without the brains to realise that the ceremony was taking place.

Wolves were one of English football's giants when The Queen's reign began 70 years ago.

In 1952, Collins might have got the benefit of the doubt for the gruesome challenge that poleaxed Grealish.

He pleaded to referee Anthony Taylor that when he smashed into the midfielder's stomach with all six studs it was accidental.

It may have been. But in the modern game it was a red card every day of the week.

Grealish lifted up his shirt to show the damage to the home fans suggesting he was faking it.

He looked like the real deal.

'Boss is brilliant'

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coming and it was nice to get off the mark."

Grealish had been subbed by his boss inside an hour during the midweek 2-1 win over Borussia Dortmund - admitting himself "it wasn't the best".

But yesterday the £100million man repaid the faith shown in him by boss Guardiola (left).

After the 3-0 win over 10-man Wolves, Grealish said:

"People have been asking questions - and rightly so - I should be scoring more and getting more assists."

"I do want to add that to my game."

"Obviously, with the money that was spent on me [£100m from Aston Villa], I'm always going to have people talking about me."

"And Pep has been brilliant with me. It's nice when he defends me. I probably have to thank him because he gave me the opportunity to play."

"My performance last Wednesday wasn't the best - I'm thankful to him."



PAYING RESPECT
Players honour The Queen with the minute's silence before kick-off

NAT'S A RED CARD
Nathan Collins' horror tackle leaves Grealish with stud marks (right)



WANTED Blues' Jorginho

Jorginho is a target for Barca

BY TOM HOPKINSON

NEW Chelsea boss Graham Potter faces a fight to stop Barcelona from nicking midfield general Jorginho.

The 30-year-old Italy star has just 10 months to run on his Stamford Bridge contract and unless he agrees new terms, he will be available to talk to overseas clubs from January.

Barcelona are looking to replace Sergio Busquets, who turns 35 next July and will also be out of contract.

Brazil-born Jorginho is seen by Nou Camp bigwigs as someone who ticks all the boxes to fill the void Busquets will leave.

The fact he will be available for nothing next summer is a massive plus point for the Catalan club, given their ongoing financial issues.

Jorginho joined Chelsea from Napoli for £57million in 2018. He had a tricky relationship with fans during Maurizio Sarri's reign, but has cemented his reputation since the manager's departure.

Along with Mateo Kovacic and N'Golo Kante, he has been a key cog in central midfield, but he could well be on the move at the end of the season.

Kalv faces Qatar KO

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Premier League champions. England boss Gareth Southgate is likely to give Phillips every chance to make the plane for Qatar in November.

But there are just seven weeks to go before he names his squad and there have to be questions asked about whether Phillips will be match-fit.

His final campaign at Leeds was disrupted hugely by injury and his move to the champions has not gone as planned.

Losing Phillips will be a huge blow for Southgate after his heroics during the European Championships.

He played a crucial role and was heralded for his performance alongside West Ham's Declan Rice.

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Conte's Son is shining once again as Spurs hit 'em for six

SIMPLY SONSATIONAL
Sub Heung-Min Son scores the first of his brilliant hat-trick to help Spurs thrash the Foxes

MIKE WALTERS

Big match verdict from the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium

ANTONIO CONTE'S decision to leave Heung-Min Son on the bench proved to be a masterstroke.

It might have been just the catalyst the Tottenham darling needed to return to goalscoring form with a 13-minute hat-trick in this romp.

Son had looked a shadow of the player that shared last season's Golden Boot with Mo Salah and had failed to score this term before yesterday, prompting Spurs boss Conte's to rest his star.

But the South Korean was summoned with a little more than half-an-hour to play, with the game in the balance at 3-2, and then spectacularly took it away from Leicester with two

beauties from outside the box before slotting in his third.

"My finishing has been poor this season," said Son.

"I knew goals were coming and I wasn't worried. I've always had great supporters, team-mates and coaches behind me. I like to shoot from outside the box – I've practised that since I was a kid.

"I'm really glad the ball finally went in!"

Silence is golden, and in the north London hush hour remembrance for a monarch had been largely observed with immaculate decorum.

Forget the handful of foghorn, boorish drunks who pierced the near-perfect calm.

The minute's silence to

honour Queen Elizabeth II spoke volumes for the overwhelming majority of 60,000 Tottenham and Leicester supporters.

But Brendan Rodgers, stranded on the Premier League seabed, does not need peace and tranquility right now.

Amid what he calls the "noise" surrounding Leicester's traumatic start to the season, the under-pressure Foxes manager needs supportive voices – and they are in short supply.

When Claudio Ranieri was in charge of five consecutive defeats in 2017, even the Tinkerman, who led the Foxes to their 5,000-1 title miracle nine months earlier, was not

immune to the sack. It's six defeats in a row for Rodgers now. And excuses for his side's brittleness at set-pieces were exhausted long ago.

Eric Dier's near-post header to put Spurs 2-1 up was so easy it was ghastly, and Leicester's chronic weakness from dead-ball rituals has even become a laughing stock among their own fans.

When one Ivan Perisic corner was successfully repelled at the near post, almost 3,000 travelling missionaries from the parish of St Lineker celebrated sarcastically as if their team had scored.

As in previous visits to the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, Rodgers' team contributed

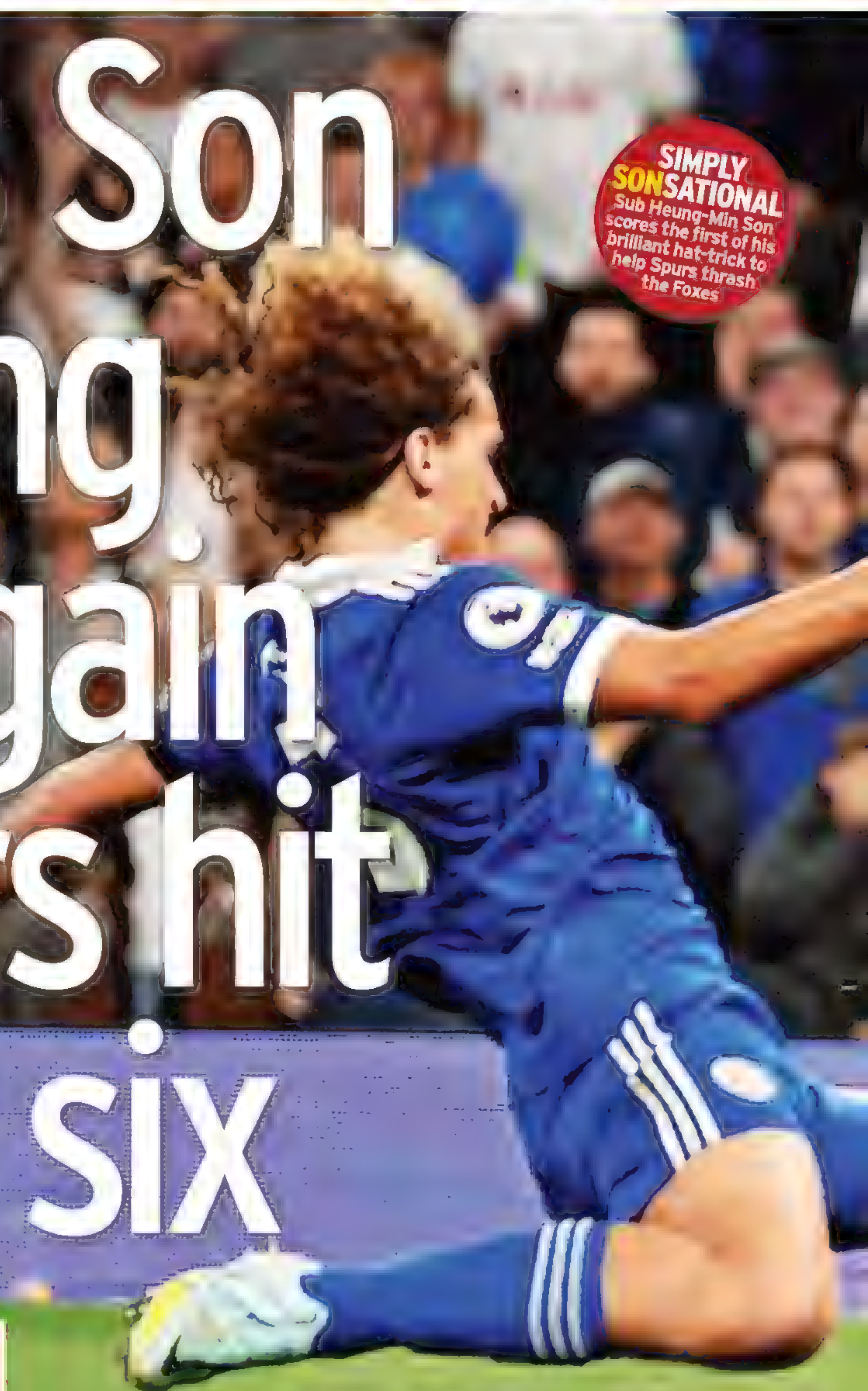
generously to the entertainment – especially in a madcap first half, where the defending at both ends was skittish at best.

But in the end, Leicester wilted like all the bouquets destined to join floral tributes to the Queen on the fragrant Victoria Line at Seven Sisters.

England captain Harry Kane's wife, Kate, and their children followed Conte's lead by making a pilgrimage up The Mall to pay their respects.

Kane revealed in the matchday programme: "I was here at the club with training, but Kate took the kids down to Buckingham Palace.

"We thought it was important – they are young, they don't



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PREMIER LEAGUE

Greavsie, a legend recalled

BY TOM HOPKINSON

ON April 30, 2015, Jimmy Greaves delivered what would be his final public engagement before the major stroke which rendered him wheelchair-bound for the last six years of his life.

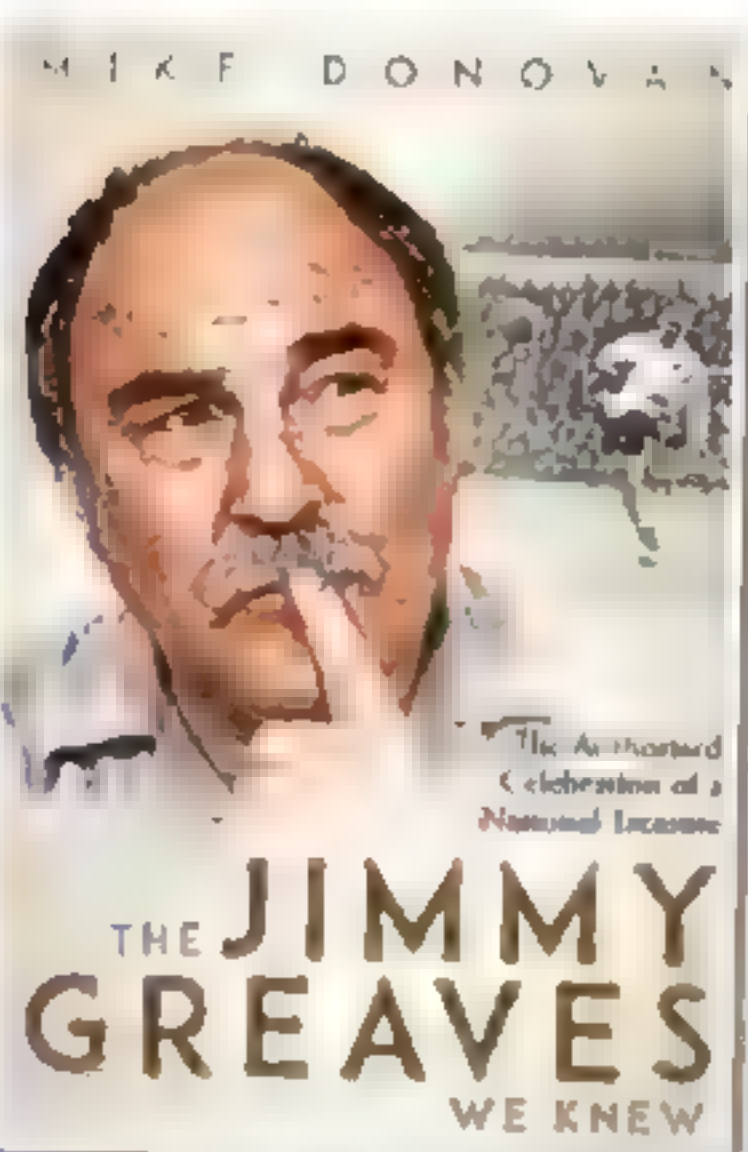
Greavsie, one of England's greatest goalscorers, had answered a call from old Tottenham team-mate Steve Perryman, then Exeter City's director of football, to speak at the Grecians' St James Park home.

And, with the help of another Spurs legend, Alan Gilzean, the pair had brought the house down with stories from a bygone era on a night which would help to ensure that Exeter had a future.

"Jim got a crowd of 450 people and was bright, alive and entertaining," Perryman says in the new book, *The Jimmy Greaves We Knew*.

"It was one of the nights which kept the club going and he'd been there for me right to the end."

Tomorrow will mark the



first anniversary of Jim's death.

Another former team-mate, goalkeeper Pat Jennings, said: "Everybody adored him - not only because he was a fantastic goalscorer, but just for the person he was."

And Harry Redknapp played alongside Greavsie at West Ham. He recalled: "Time used to stop still when Jimmy got the ball in the penalty box."

"People would come lunging, jumping, rushing in to get the ball."

"Someone else would dive in to block it, but he would go past them all, walk round the goalie and roll it into an empty net."

"That was Jim."

"It was just incredible how his mind worked in the penalty box."

"Jimmy was one of the greatest that I've seen."

"An absolute genius as a footballer."

■ *The Jimmy Greaves We Knew* (Pitch Publishing, £25) is out now.



FOXES IN DIER STRAITS Spurs defender Eric gives his side the lead at 2-1

HEADS, I WIN Harry Kane nods in at the far post after a cross from Dejan Kulusevsk

MAKING A FIST OF IT Conte shows his delight as Tottenham crush Foxes

Premier League

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Fulham	7	3	2	2	12	11	1	11
Chelsea	6	3	1	2	8	9	-1	10
Liverpool	6	2	3	1	15	6	9	9
Brentford	6	2	3	1	15	9	6	9
Newcastle	7	1	5	1	8	7	1	8
Leeds	6	2	2	2	10	10	0	8
Bournemouth	7	2	2	3	6	19	-13	8
Southampton	7	2	1	4	7	11	-4	7
Aston Villa	7	2	1	4	6	10	-4	7
Crystal Palace	6	1	3	2	7	9	-2	6
Wolverhampton	7	1	3	3	3	7	-4	6
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Rodgers is now left hanging on

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have a huge amount of respect for the owners because they've given me great support.

"I understand the fans' frustration. I can't hide from that. It's my responsibility."

"I understand the game. The scoreline didn't reflect the game, but the bottom line is it's a heavy defeat."

"Whatever happens to me at Leicester, whether I stay and fight on, I'll always respect them."

It has been a miserable start to the campaign for the Northern Irishman with Son's 13-minute hat-trick adding to

their misery. And for a side who are trying to mind the pennies, axing Rodgers is a huge financial burden.

But it is also peanuts compared to the amount they'd lose if they were relegated from the top flight, and Srivaddhanaprabha and the other senior football figures at the King Power Stadium now have a decision to make.

In fairness to Rodgers, there was nothing about his side's performance to suggest his players weren't playing for him here in north London.

They simply weren't good enough to match Spurs.

understand too much at the moment, but when they are older and they look back at the history of our country, the Queen was an integral part of that.

"They left some flowers outside Buckingham Palace - it's a huge occasion in our history."

And in keeping with the royal theme of the day, Spurs legend Gary Mabbutt was a half-time guest on the pitch, revealing his close connections with the House of Windsor. Mabbutt said: "I was one of the first

ambassadors for the Prince's Trust, so I got to know Prince Charles - sorry, King Charles III

- very well. I wrote to him asking if he would sign a photograph of me lifting the FA Cup in 1991 for my personal collection and it's there in my office to this day."

But, for Rodgers, serenaded by the chorus of the damned - "You're Getting Sacked In The Morning" - it feels like the end of the road.

If this was his final hand as Leicester manager, it was a royal flush.

On the day football honoured the Queen, his job was going down the pan.



BREND OF A POOR GAME Leicester boss Rodgers looks dejected after Spurs' rout

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PREMIER LEAGUE

Heung-Min hat-trick puts Foxes boss on brink

BY TOM HOPKINSON

BRENDAN RODGERS' future as Leicester City boss was hanging in the balance last night.

Heung-Min Son's hat-trick took Spurs second and condemned rock-bottom Foxes to a sixth defeat in seven games.

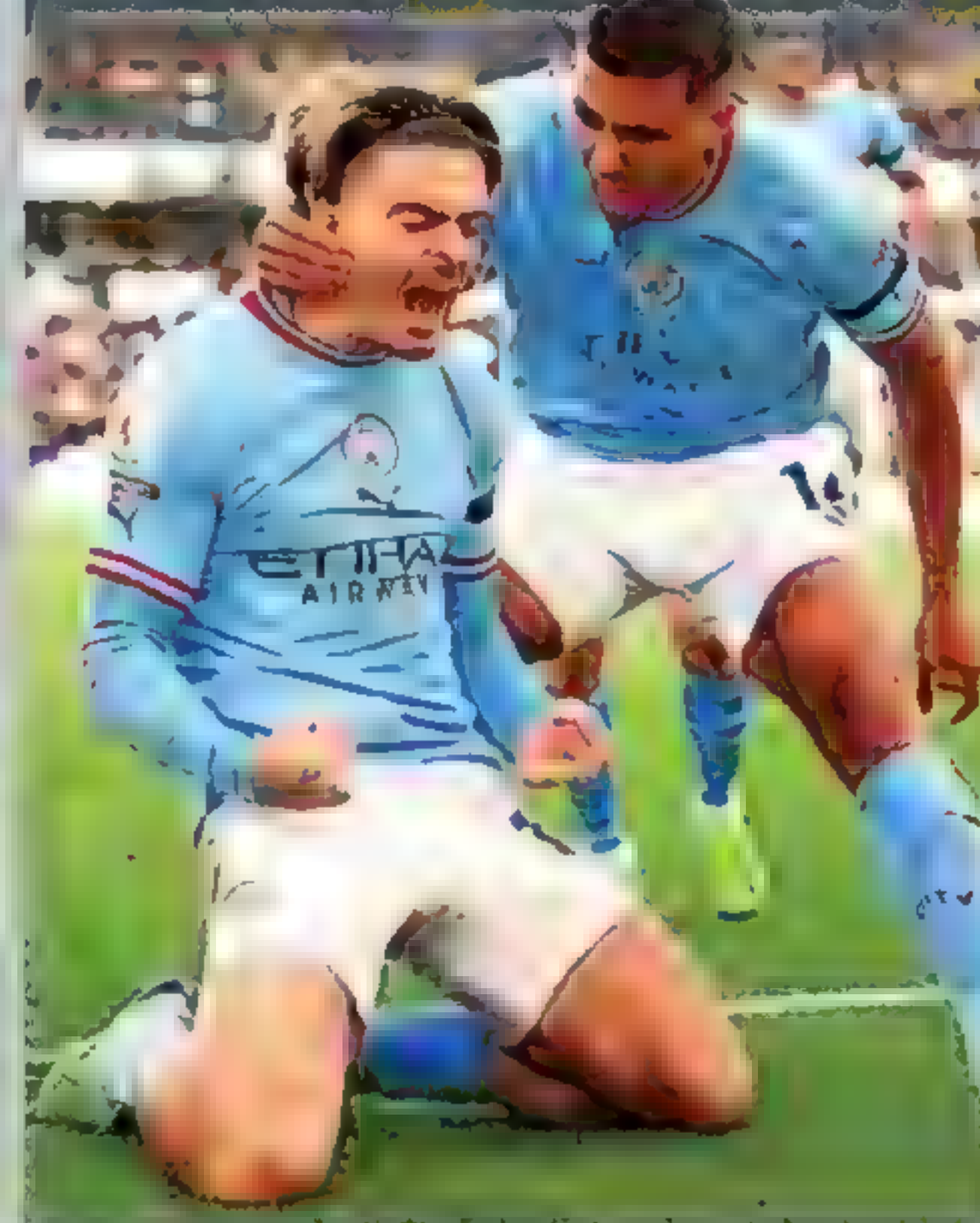
If chairman Aiyawatt Srivaddhanaprabha does wield the axe, it will cost him £10million to pay off his manager.

Rodgers said: "Whatever happens, I

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TREBLE YELL
Son (left) celebrates his brilliant 13-minute hat-trick with Emerson, but it was another miserable day for Rodgers (bottom left)

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CRACKER JACK

BY NEIL MOXLEY at Molineux

JACK GREALISH said 'Thank you' to Pep Guardiola after helping Manchester City back to the top of the Premier League.

The England star poked home inside the first minute for his first goal of the season.

Even he admitted: "It's been a long time

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RODGERS' SWANSON



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KALVIN CRUSHED

QATAR CONCERN
Kalvin Phillips is praying that he'll be OK for the World Cup



England star 50-50 to make World Cup

BY NEIL MOXLEY

KALVIN PHILLIPS faces World Cup heartache after the recurrence of a nagging shoulder injury.

The Manchester City midfielder is sweating on the prognosis after medics told him he may need surgery to

correct the problem. The World Cup in Qatar kicks off in just nine weeks' time.

The 26-year-old has been dogged by injury since his £45million summer move from Leeds, and has played just 13 minutes so far for the

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A final farewell

Queen Elizabeth II
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QUEEN ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022

BY LAURA CONNOR

HER Majesty Queen Elizabeth II died at Balmoral on Thursday September 8, just two days after her last public engagement as monarch.

On Tuesday the Queen had met Liz Truss at Balmoral Castle, appointing her as the 15th Prime Minister of the

monarch's 70-year reign. The Queen broke with tradition by holding an audience with the new Prime Minister in Scotland rather than at Buckingham Palace, prompting early concerns for her health.

Photographer Jane Barlow captured the last shots of the Queen meeting Ms Truss in the green drawing room, where they chatted for 30 minutes.



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The following announcement has been issued by Royal Communications



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SAD NOTICE
Announcement of the Queen's death is made on Twitter, online and at Buckingham Palace



A NATION MOURNS



UNITED IN GRIEF Lady Louise, Sophie, Princes Andrew and Edward and Princess Anne and husband Timothy Laurence at Balmoral



BALMORAL Eugenie and Beatrice look at messages



ADDRESS Prime Minister Liz Truss gives speech outside No.10



BEARING UP Paddington tribute



EMOTIONAL Sophie, the Countess of Wessex, reads tributes left at Balmoral

A statement released by Buckingham Palace at 6.30pm on Thursday, September 8, read: "The Queen died peacefully at Balmoral this afternoon. The King and The Queen Consort will remain at Balmoral this evening and will return to London tomorrow."

A statement from King Charles III at 7.04pm said: "The death of my beloved Mother, Her Majesty The Queen, is a moment of the greatest sadness for me and all members of my family."

"We mourn profoundly the passing of a cherished Sovereign and a much-loved Mother."

A statement from new PM Liz Truss at 7.07pm said: "We are all devastated by the news we

have just heard from Balmoral. The death of Her Majesty The Queen is a huge shock to the nation and to the world. Queen Elizabeth II was the rock on which modern Britain was built. Our country has grown and flourished under her reign."

Photographer Jane Barlow said of taking those last pictures: "I got a lot of smiles from her. I was there to photograph her meeting the new Prime Minister but, for me, the best picture was the one of the Queen on her own. And it has obviously become more significant now."

Another person who visited the Queen shortly before her death was Rt Rev Dr Iain Greenshields, who had been invited to host a sermon in a church where Her Majesty worshipped. He said: "Her health was frail, we knew that, but when I left her on Sunday she was very positive and I just find it very hard to believe that in those few days, things have changed so much."



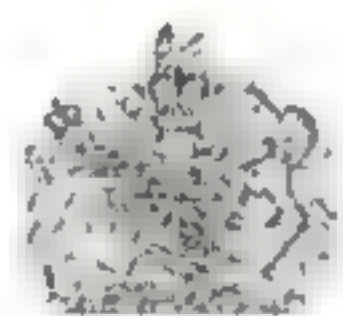
QUEEN ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022

IN an emotional first address to the nation, King Charles praised his mum's warmth, humour and ability to see the best in people.

Speaking from the Blue Drawing Room of Buckingham Palace, where the Queen recorded some of her Christmas messages, Charles's speech was broadcast at a service attended by senior politicians and 2,000 members of the public at St Paul's Cathedral.

It was accompanied by the first official rendition of God Save the King since Charles became monarch.

He announced he had made his son William the Prince of Wales, with his wife Catherine the Princess of Wales - the title last used by William's mother Diana. Charles also thanked his Queen consort Camilla, calling her his "darling wife".



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

A STATEMENT FROM HIS MAJESTY THE KING AT THE TIME OF THE QUEEN'S DEATH

The death of my beloved Mother, Her Majesty The Queen, is a moment of the greatest sadness for me and all members of my family.

We mourn profoundly the passing of a cherished Sovereign and a much-loved Mother. I know her loss will be deeply felt throughout the country, the Realm and the Commonwealth, and by countless people around the world.

During this period of mourning and change, my family and I will be comforted and sustained by our knowledge of the respect and deep affection in which The Queen was so widely held.

Thursday, 8th September 2022

NOTICE Charles's first official statement as King last Thursday

FIRST ADDRESS
King Charles speaks
to the nation from
Buckingham Palace



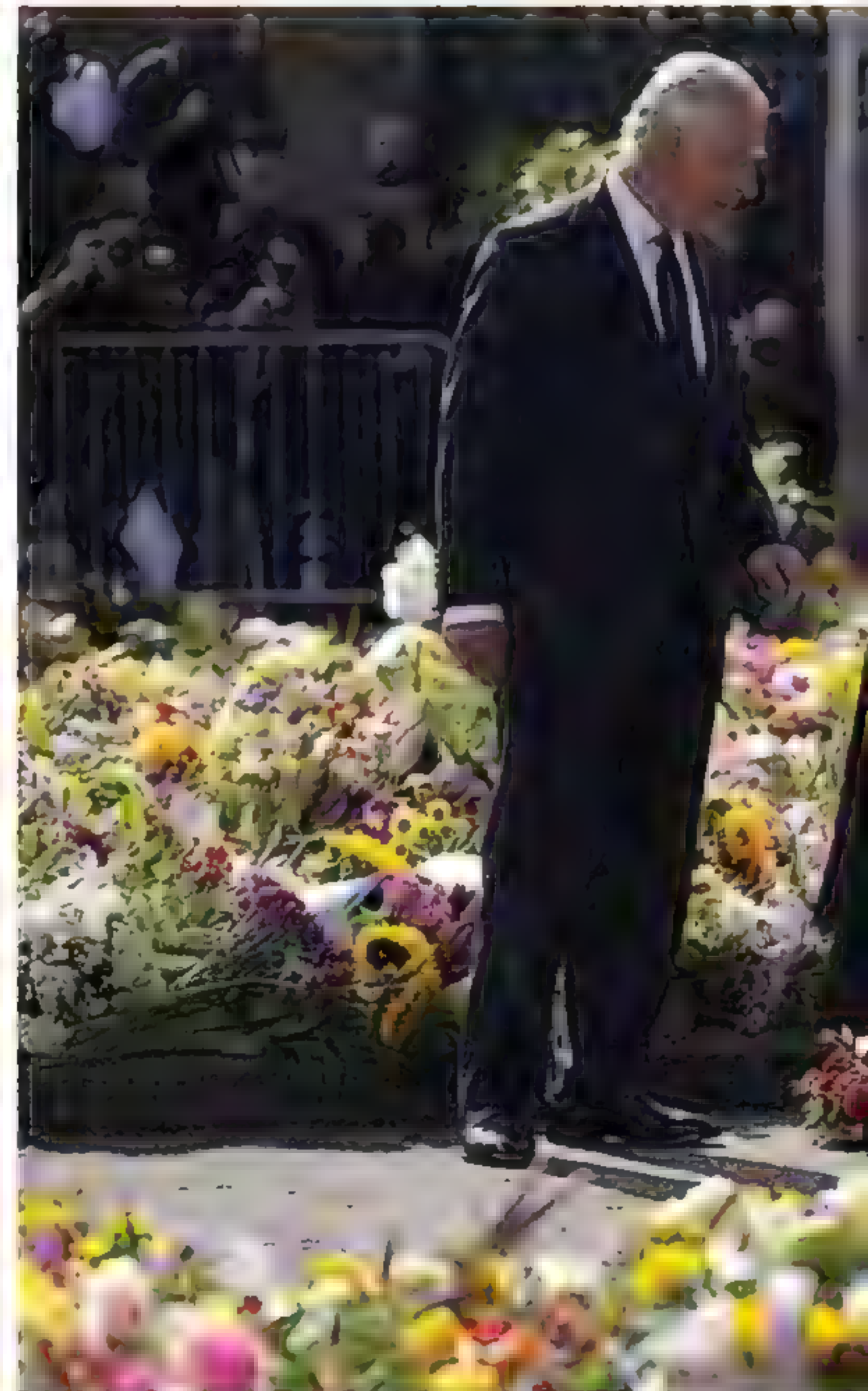
BOY KING
Six-year-old
Charles with
mum in 1954



VIGIL Charles
at St Giles'
Cathedral,
Edinburgh



WALKABOUT
Charles and
Camilla tour
four nations



THE NEW KING



THRONE Address in Westminster Hall

Throughout her life, Her Majesty The Queen – my beloved mother – was an inspiration and example to me and to all my family, and we owe her the most heartfelt debt any family can owe to their mother; for her love, affection, guidance, understanding and example.

Alongside the personal grief that all my family are feeling, we also share with so many of you in the United Kingdom, in all the countries where the Queen was Head of State, in the Commonwealth and across the world, a deep sense of gratitude for the more than 70 years in which my mother, as Queen, served the people of so many nations.

Her dedication and devotion as Sovereign never wavered, through times of change and progress, through times of joy and celebration, and through times of sadness and loss.

I pay tribute to my mother's memory and I honour her life of service. I know that her death brings great sadness to so many of you, and I share that sense of loss, beyond measure, with you all.

As the Queen herself did with such unswerving devotion, I too now solemnly pledge myself, throughout the remaining time God grants me, to uphold the constitutional principles at the heart of our nation.

And wherever you may live in the United Kingdom, or in the realms and territories across the world, and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.

On behalf of all my family, I can only offer the most sincere and heartfelt thanks for your condolences and support. They mean more to me than I can ever possibly express.

And to my darling Mama, as you begin your last great journey to join my dear late Papa, I want simply to say this: thank you. Thank you for your love and devotion to our family and to the family of nations you have served so diligently all these years. May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.



QUEEN ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022



MEET AND GREET
Kate and William arrive
to thank well-wishers
outside Windsor Castle

PRINCE STEPS UP

THE new Prince and Princess of Wales, William and Kate, paid tribute to the Queen in a touching statement released on their social media platforms, saying the world has "lost an extraordinary leader".

William said: "She was by my side at my happiest moments. And she was by my side during the saddest days of my life."

He is now first in line to the throne after his father became king and was the first to sign the Proclamation of King Charles III, stepping forward to pick up the pen with his left hand before placing his signature on the historic record at St James's Palace.



FAMILY FUN On Buckingham Palace balcony for Queen's Platinum Jubilee flypast in June

On Thursday, the world lost an extraordinary leader, whose commitment to the country, the Realm and the Commonwealth was absolute. So much will be said in the days ahead about the meaning of her historic reign.

I, however, have lost a grandmother. And while I will grieve her loss, I also feel incredibly grateful. I have had the benefit of The Queen's wisdom and reassurance into my fifth decade.

My wife has had twenty years of her guidance and support. My three children have got to spend holidays with her and create memories that will last their whole lives.

She was by my side at my happiest moments. And she was by my side during the saddest days of my life.

I knew this day would come, but it will be some time before the reality of life without Grannie will truly feel real.

I thank her for the kindness she showed my family and me. And I thank her on behalf of my generation for providing an example of service and dignity in public life that was from a different age, but always relevant to us all.

My grandmother famously said that grief was the price we pay for love. All of the sadness we will feel in the coming weeks will be testament to the love we felt for our extraordinary Queen.

I will honour her memory by supporting my father, The King, in every way I can.



FIRST DAY Kate and William take kids to school, the day before Queen died



QUEEN ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022



Statement from Prince Harry, The Duke of Sussex:

In celebrating the life of my grandmother, Her Majesty The Queen—and in mourning her loss—we are all reminded of the guiding compass she was to so many in her commitment to service and duty. She was globally admired and respected. Her unwavering grace and dignity remained true throughout her life and now her everlasting legacy. Let us echo the words she spoke after the passing of her husband, Prince Philip, words which can bring comfort to all of us now: "Life, of course, consists of final partings as well as first meetings."

Granny, while this final parting brings us great sadness, I am forever grateful for all of our first meetings—from my earliest childhood memories with you, to meeting you for the first time as my Commander-in-Chief, to the first moment you met my darling wife and hugged your beloved great-grandchildren. I cherish these times shared with you, and the many other special moments in between. You are already sorely missed, not just by us, but by the world over. And as it comes to first meetings, we now honour my father in his new role as King Charles III.

Thank you for your commitment to service.

Thank you for your sound advice.

Thank you for your infectious smile.

We, too, smile knowing that you and grandpa are reunited now, and both together in peace.



EASTER SERVICE
With grandma in 1989
at St George's Chapel

PRINCE Harry paid tribute to his beloved grandmother on the Archewell website he shares with his wife Meghan, Duchess of Sussex. Following news of the Queen's death, Meghan and Harry changed the website to a black page with the words: "In loving memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022."

The couple, who moved to California in 2020, were in London to attend the WellChild Awards, but pulled out of the event on Thursday lunchtime after Buckingham Palace announced the Queen's health had rapidly deteriorated.

Prince Harry immediately made his way to Balmoral, where he joined his father King Charles, his brother Prince William, his uncles Princes Andrew and Edward and his aunt Princess Anne.

In astonishing scenes, Harry and Meghan joined William and Kate to inspect a sea of floral tributes and to greet members of the public at Windsor Castle on Saturday.

A spokesman said an invitation for the Windsor walk had been extended by William. It is hoped the reunion of the two couples could be a sign of reconciliation.

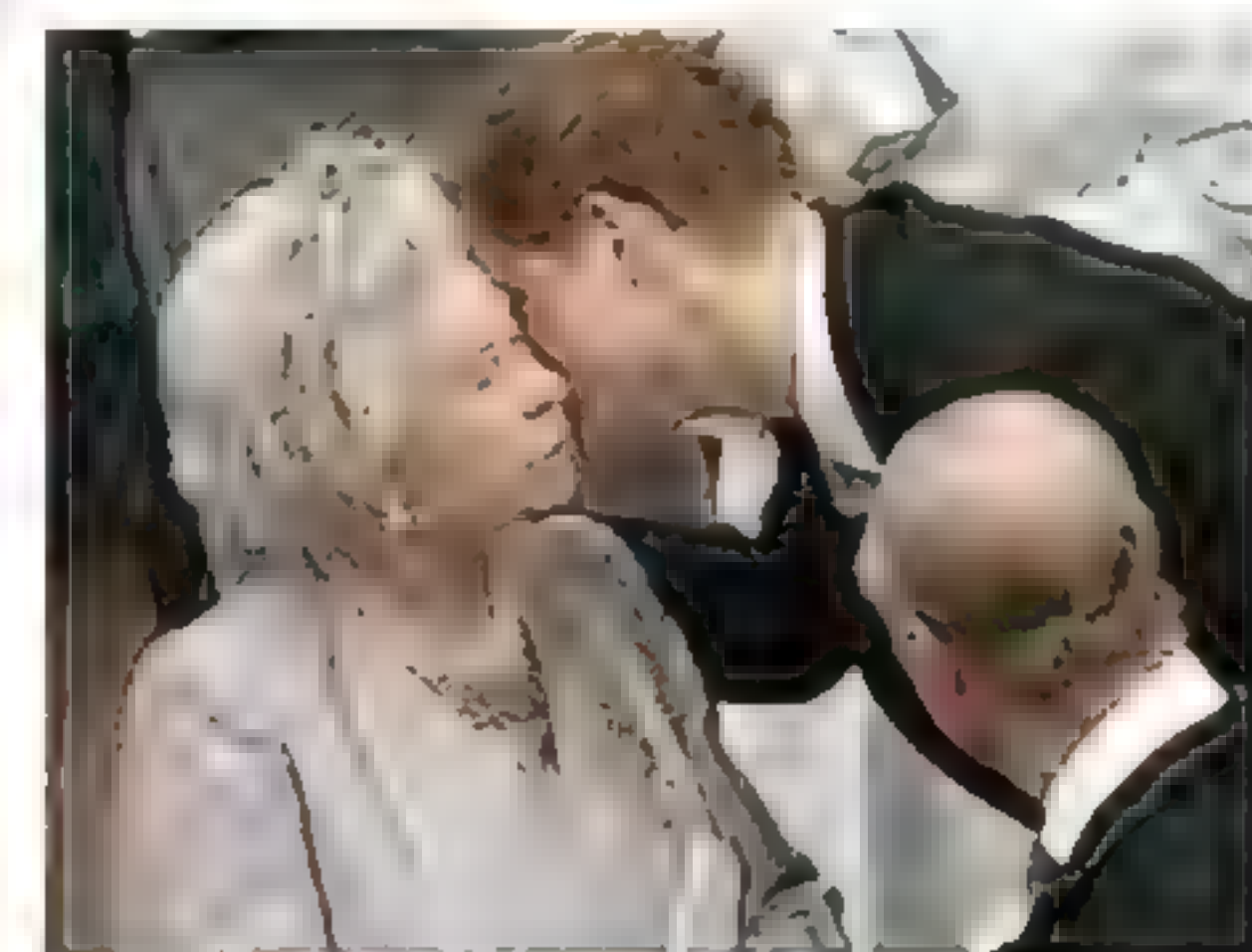
Charles used his first address to the nation as King to express his "love for Harry and Meghan as they continue to build their lives overseas".

Now that Harry's father is King, royal rules say his children Archie, three, and Lilibet, one, can receive the titles of Prince and Princess, although it has not yet been confirmed if this will happen.

Lilibet was given her name – the Queen's childhood nickname – as an affectionate tribute to her great gran.



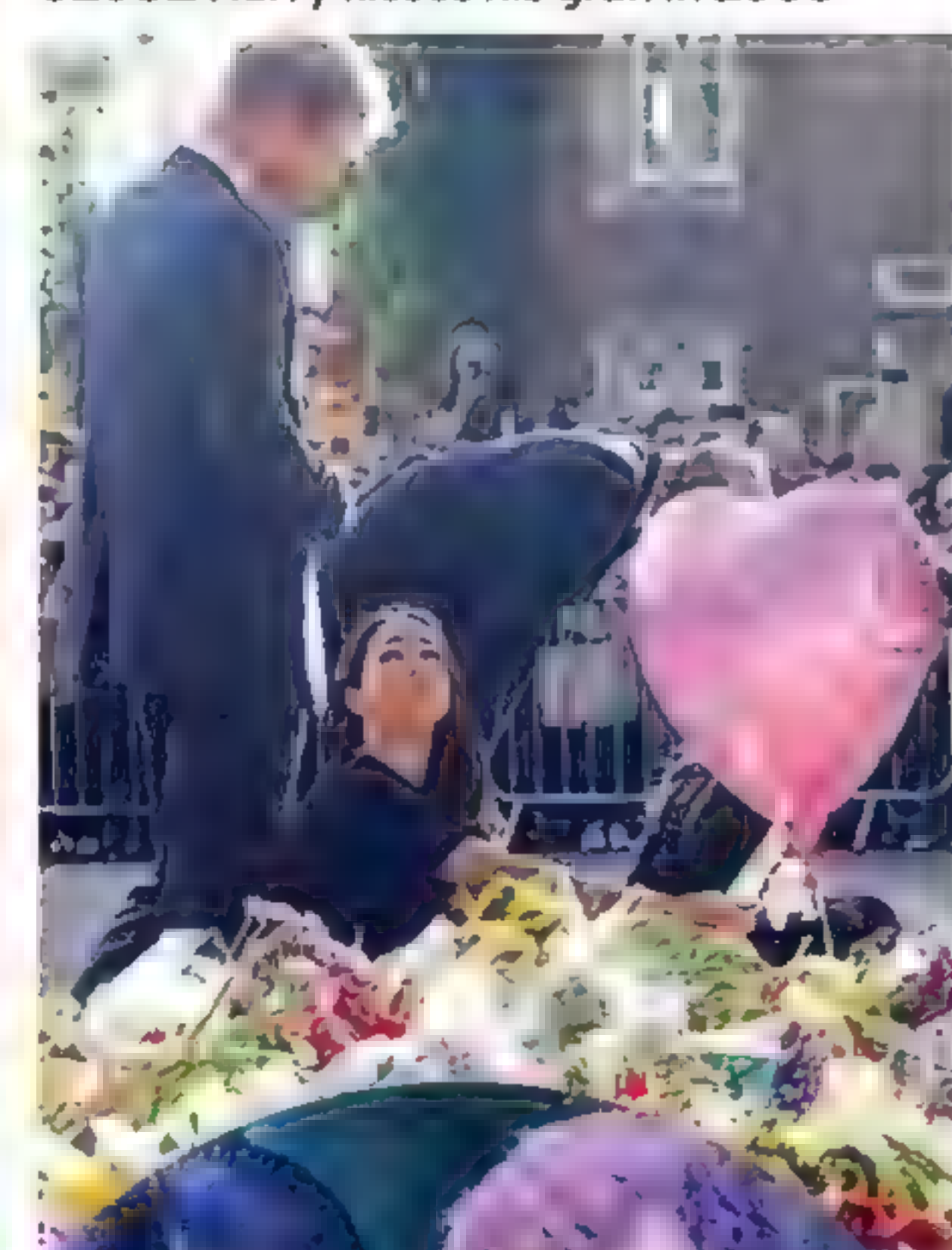
BROTHERS UNITED
For Windsor walkabout
last Saturday and left
with Meghan



CLOSE Harry kisses his gran in 2008



CHRISTENING Family
with little Archie in 2019



UK VISIT Couple at One
Young World Summit in
Manchester on Sept 5

HARRY AND MEGHAN



SURPRISE APPEARANCE
Harry and Meghan joined William and Kate at Windsor Castle to meet the crowds

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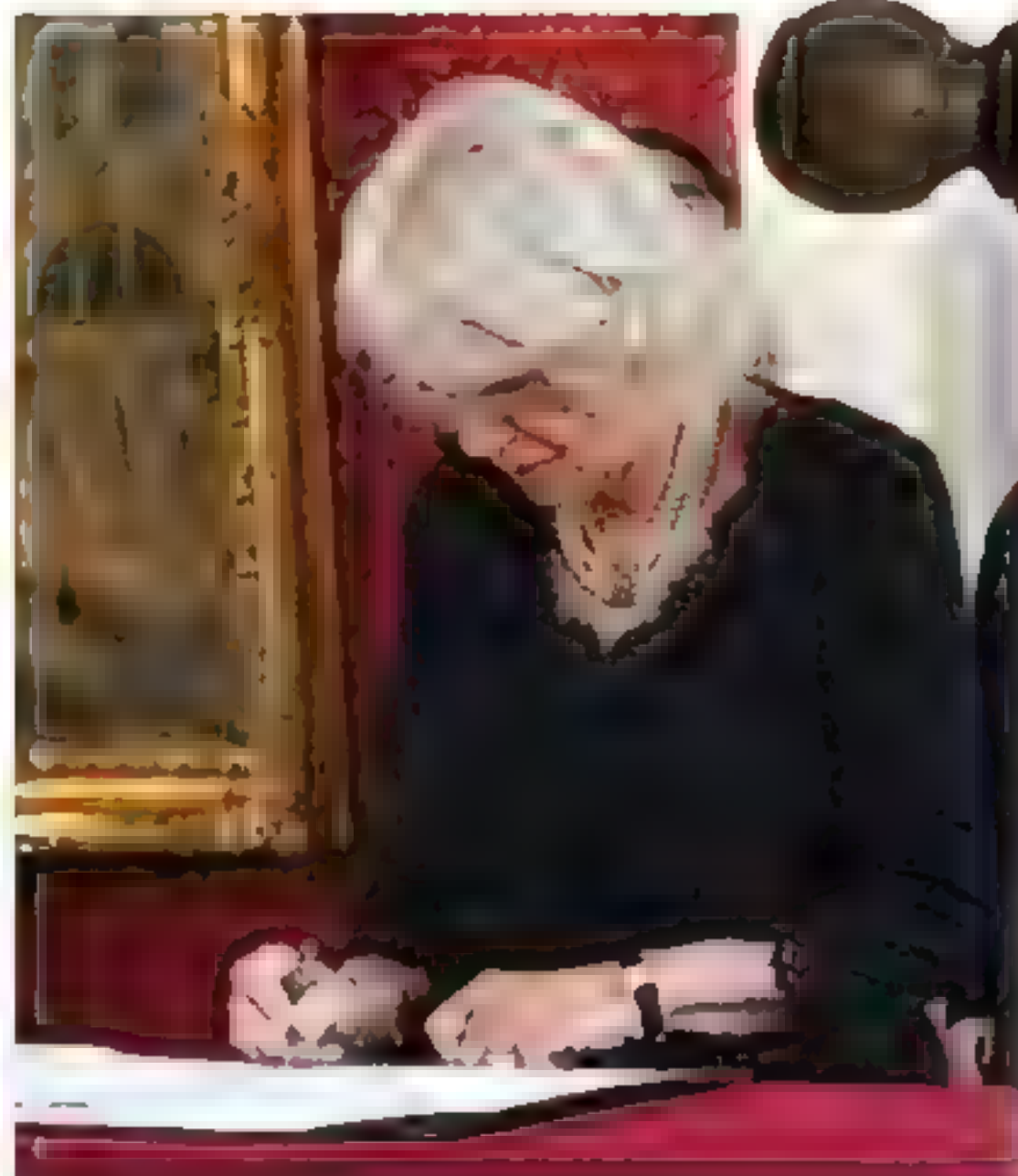
KING Charles III was confirmed as the UK's monarch on September 10, as the Accession Council gathered at St James's Palace.

In the first ceremony of its kind to be televised, Charles addressed senior politicians and other public figures in London after the death of his mother.

Charles was accompanied by his wife Camilla, now the Queen Consort, and his eldest son Prince William, now first in line to the throne and known by Charles's former title, the Prince of Wales. The ceremony ended with David White, the Garter King of Arms, reading the proclamation and leading cheers of "God save the King".

Gun salutes at Hyde Park, the Tower of London, Edinburgh Castle, Hillsborough Castle and Cardiff Castle were then fired before the National Anthem was performed by the Band of the Coldstream Guards.

Prime Minister Liz Truss and 250 other dignitaries were also present.



The Proclamation

Whereas it has pleased almighty God to call to his mercy our late Sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth II of blessed and glorious memory, by whose decease the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is solely and rightfully come to the Prince Charles Philip Arthur George.

We, therefore, the lords spiritual and temporal of this realm, and members of the House of Commons, together with other members of Her late Majesty's Privy Council, and representatives of the realms and territories, aldermen, and citizens of London and others, do now hereby, with one voice and consent of tongue and heart, publish and proclaim that the Prince Charles Philip Arthur George, is now, by the death of our late Sovereign of happy memory, become our only lawful and rightful liege lord, Charles III, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, and of his other realms and territories, King, head of the Commonwealth, defender of the faith, to whom we do acknowledge all faith and obedience with humble affection, beseeching God, by whom kings and queens do reign, to bless His Majesty with long and happy years to reign over us.

God save the King.

A NEW DAWN

KING CHARLES III

I know how deeply you, the entire Nation – and I think I may say the whole world – sympathise with me in the irreparable loss we have all suffered.

To all of us as a family, as to this kingdom and the wider family of nations of which it is a part, my Mother gave an example of lifelong love and of selfless service.

My Mother's reign was unequalled in its duration, its dedication and its devotion. Even as we grieve, we give thanks for this most faithful life.

I am deeply aware of this great inheritance and of the duties and heavy responsibilities which have now passed to me.

I shall strive to follow the inspiring example I have been set in upholding constitutional government and to seek the peace, harmony and prosperity of the peoples of these Islands and of the Commonwealth Realms and Territories throughout the world.

I know I shall be upheld by the affection and loyalty of the peoples whose Sovereign I have been called upon to be.

In all this, I am profoundly encouraged by the constant support of my beloved wife.



MEMORIAL SERVICE
Pain etched on her face, Princess Anne attends a service at Crathie Kirk, Balmoral, on September 10



TIME TO REFLECT
Sophie, Edward, Andrew, Charles and Camilla at St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Monday, September 12

PRINCESS Anne's tribute was shared to the Royal Family's Instagram account alongside a photo of her with her mother at Windsor Castle in 2016.

She wrote: "I was fortunate to share the last 24 hours of my dearest Mother's life.

"It has been an honour and a privilege to accompany her on her final journeys.

"Witnessing the love and respect shown by so many on these journeys has been both humbling and uplifting. We

will all share unique memories. I offer my thanks to each and every one who share our sense of loss.

"We may have been reminded how much of her presence and contribution to our national identity we took for granted.

"I am also grateful for the support and understanding offered to my dear brother Charles as he accepts the added responsibilities of the monarch.

"To my mother, The Queen, thank you."



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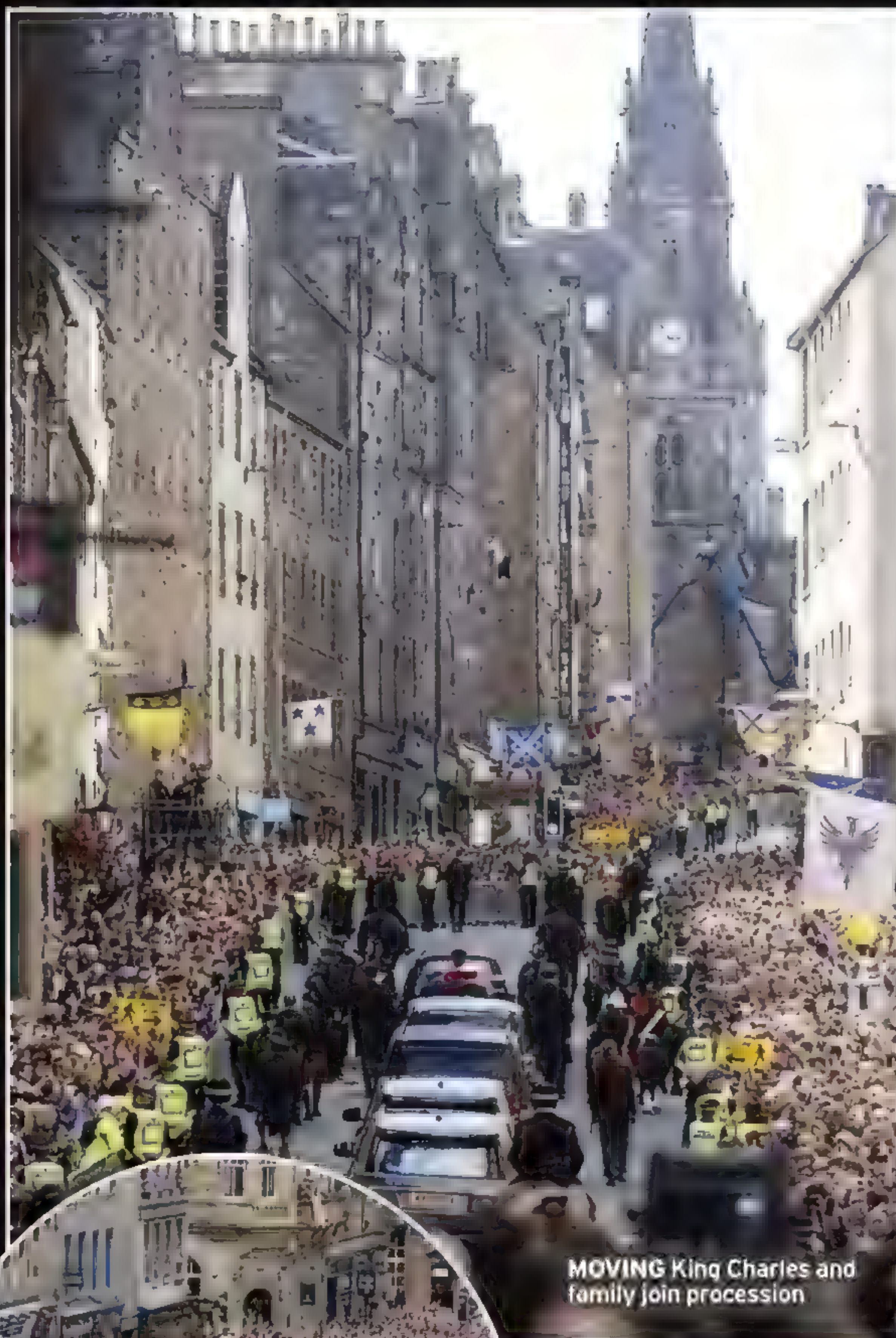
DEPARTURE Hearse carrying Queen's coffin leaves Balmoral



RESPECT Thousands line the streets as hearse travels through Aberdeen



HIGH POINT Cavalcade passes over Queensferry Crossing



MOVING King Charles and family join procession

As the UK continued its 10 days of mourning, the Queen began the journey from Balmoral to her final resting place in St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.

The Queen's coffin left Balmoral shortly after 10am on Sunday September 11, before making its journey by road through Ballater, Aberdeen, Dundee and Perth, where thousands of people gathered along the route to pay their respects.

It reached Edinburgh at 4pm, where it was taken to the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official residence of Her Majesty The Queen in Scotland. From there it made its way to St Giles' Cathedral, where the public queued for hours to pay their respects.

On Tuesday, the coffin was flown at 6pm to RAF Northolt, accompanied by the Queen's only daughter, Princess Anne.

It then travelled by hearse to Buckingham Palace in London, where thousands of people lined the streets to watch it pass.

The following day a Royal procession took the coffin from the Palace to Westminster Hall, where it lies in state on a raised platform known as a catafalque.

Draped in the Royal Standard and topped with the Imperial State Crown, orb and sceptre, the coffin is guarded by soldiers from units which serve the Royal Household.

The Queen's funeral will be held at Westminster Abbey tomorrow, then she will be buried with the Duke of Edinburgh at Windsor Castle.



RECEPTION Arriving at the Palace of Holyroodhouse



STOIC King Charles, Princess Anne and Camilla, Queen Consort, at St Giles' Cathedral

FROM BALMORAL TO WINDSOR



TRIMMING
The Imperial
State Crown



HEAVY DUTY
Pallbearers
carry coffin on
to RAF aircraft



TOUCH DOWN
Coffin arrives at
RAF Northolt



SORROWFUL
Princess Anne



RESTING PLACE Coffin lay
overnight at Buckingham Palace

QUEEN ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022

TOUCHING MOMENT William and Kate take in sea of flowers at Sandringham



POIGNANT
Royals walk behind coffin

Mourners from around the world have been queuing for up to 24 hours to see the Queen lying in state at the majestic Westminster Hall.

Hundreds of thousands of people have filed past the Her Majesty's coffin to pay their respects – with a total of more than a million mourners expected before Monday's funeral.

As the grieving nation prepared to say its final farewell, the Queen's four children united for a final vigil.

On Friday, King Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward stood in silence at each side of the casket, while wearing ceremonial military dress.

The royals were applauded by the

procession of mourners as they filed past the late monarch, who has been lying in state since Wednesday.

Thousands of people had already queued through the night to see the Queen's coffin in Edinburgh before it made its journey to London.

A line of mourners trailed along the paths of the city's Meadows, south of St Giles' Cathedral where the coffin was lying at rest.

Thousands of people also flocked to Buckingham Palace to lay flowers outside the royal residence.

A sea of floral tributes, cards, balloons and cuddly toys could also be seen at the Queen's Balmoral Estate, Sandringham Estate and at Windsor Castle.



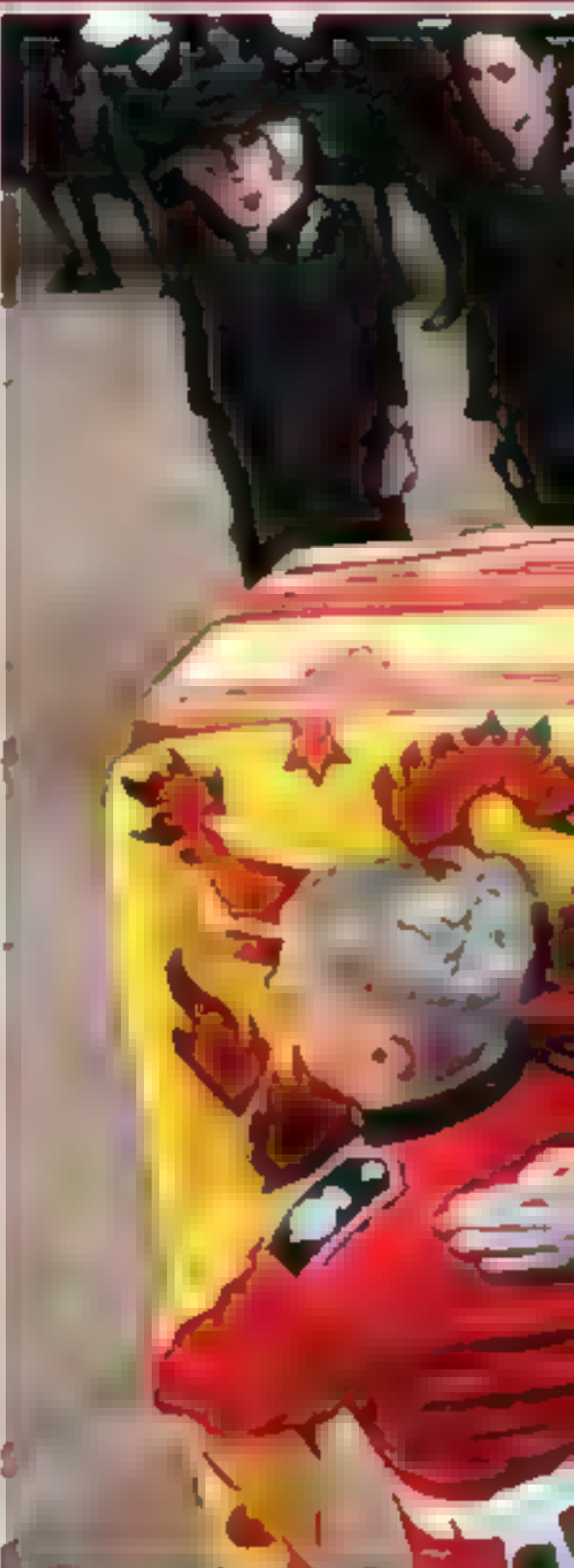
PATIENT Mourners wait for up to 24 hours to see Queen lying in state



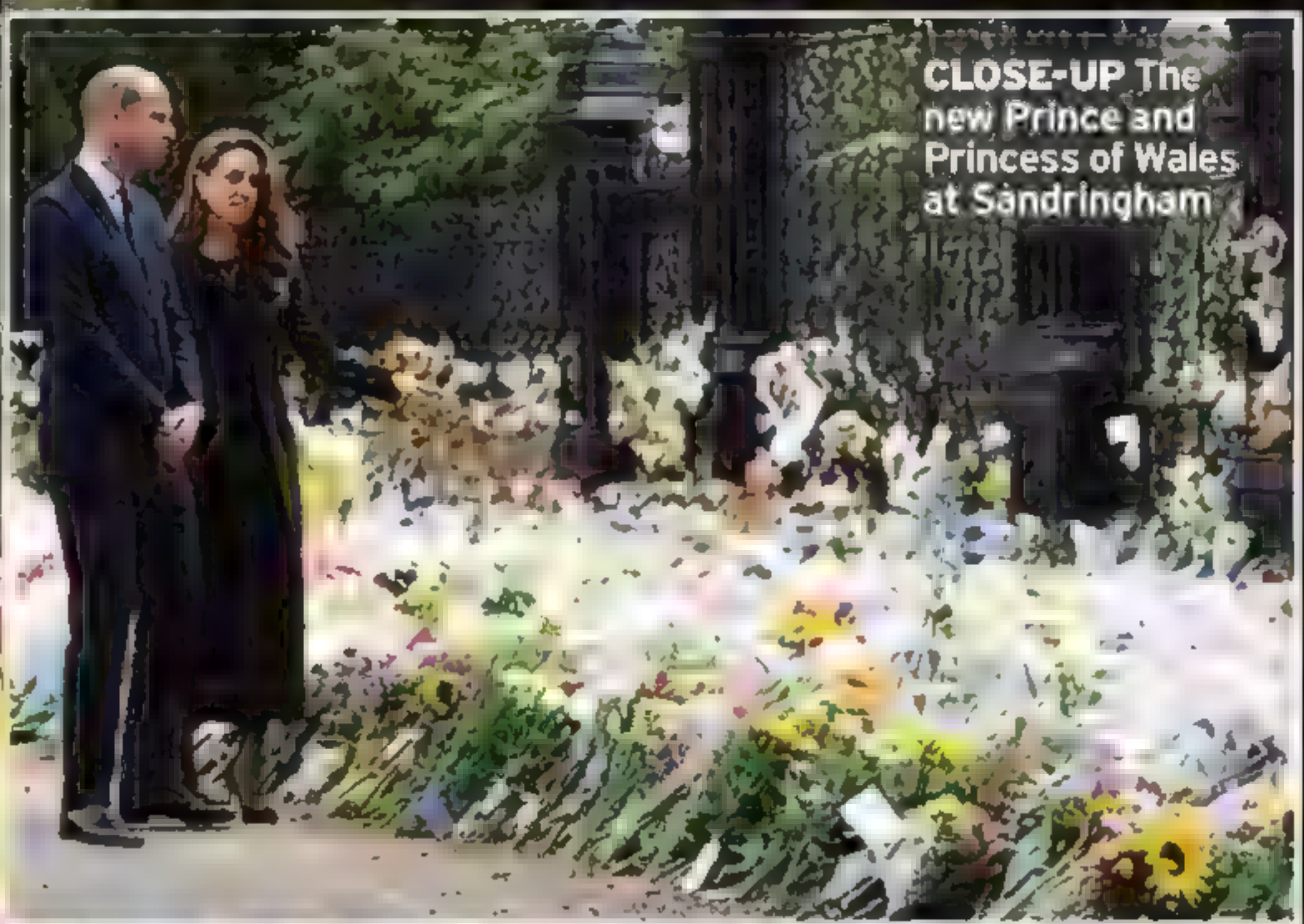
EMOTIONAL
David Beckham pays respects in Westminster Hall



ON PARADE Marching for their monarch



FINAL JOURNEY



CLOSE-UP The new Prince and Princess of Wales at Sandringham



MATTER OF TIME People queue by Big Ben



TREASURE The Imperial Crown

THE LAST GOODBYE Queen's four children hold vigil by coffin



SOLEMN MOMENT Coffin is carried into Westminster Hall



OVERCOME One of the mourners



LYING IN STATE Westminster receives the coffin

QUEEN ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022

During her 70-year reign, the Queen visited 117 countries and was celebrated in every corner of the world.

As the news of her passing spread, tributes flooded in from political and religious leaders across the globe.

In Australia, soldiers in Canberra fired a 96-gun salute – one for each year of her life – while her image was also projected on the iconic sails of the Sydney Opera House.

Giant screens in Tokyo broadcast the news of her death and a sand sculptor created a commemorative carving dedicated to Her Majesty at South Beach in Durban, South Africa.

Her portrait was mounted at the Zimbabwe National Art Gallery in Harare and landmarks across New York were illuminated in purple.

Here are some of the tributes from around the world...



Emmanuel Macron

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II embodied the British nation's continuity and unity for over 70 years. I remember her as a friend of France, a kind-hearted queen who has left a lasting impression on her country and her century.



Pope Francis

Deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I offer heartfelt condolences.

I willingly join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late Queen's eternal rest and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises.

Commending her noble soul to the merciful goodness of our Heavenly Father, I assure Your Majesty of my prayers that Almighty God will sustain you with his unfailing grace as you now take up your responsibilities as King.

Upon you and all who cherish the memory of your late mother, I invoke an abundance of divine blessings as a pledge of comfort and strength in the Lord.

Barack Obama



Michelle and I were lucky enough to come to know Her Majesty, and she meant a great deal to us.

Time and again, we were struck by her warmth, the way she put people at ease, and how she brought her considerable humour and charm to moments of great pomp and circumstance.

Queen Elizabeth II was a stateswoman of unmatched dignity and constancy who deepened the bedrock alliance between the United Kingdom and the United States. She helped make our relationship special.

We first met the Queen in 1982, travelling to the UK as part of a Senate delegation. And we were honoured that she extended her hospitality to us in June 2021 during our first overseas trip as President and First Lady, where she charmed us with her wit, moved us with her kindness, and generously shared with us her wisdom. All told, she met 14 American presidents.

She helped Americans commemorate both the anniversary of the founding of Jamestown and the bicentennial of our independence. And she stood in solidarity with the United States during our darkest days after 9/11, when she poignantly reminded us that 'Grief is the price we pay for love'.



Joe Biden

Archbishop of Canterbury



The Late Queen leaves behind a truly extraordinary legacy: one that is found in almost every corner of our national life, as well as the lives of so many nations around the world, and especially the Commonwealth.

It was my great privilege to meet Her Late Majesty on many occasions. Her clarity of thinking, capacity for careful listening, inquiring mind, humour, remarkable memory and extraordinary kindness invariably left me conscious of the blessing that she has been to us all. May Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II rest in peace and rise in glory.

It is with deep sadness that we learned of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. On behalf of the Ukrainian people, we extend sincere condolences to the Royal Family, the entire United Kingdom and the Commonwealth over this irreparable loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Volodymyr Zelensky



Micheál Martin

On behalf of the Government of Ireland, I would like to convey my deepest sympathy to the British people on the loss of their beloved monarch, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Her State Visit to Ireland in 2011 marked a crucial step in the normalisation of relations with our nearest neighbour. That visit was a great success, largely because of the many gracious gestures and warm remarks made by the Queen.



Antonio Guterres

As the United Kingdom's longest-lived and longest-reigning Head of State, Queen Elizabeth II was widely admired for her grace, dignity, and dedication around the world.

She was a reassuring presence throughout decades of sweeping change, including the decolonisation of Africa and Asia and the evolution of the Commonwealth.

Queen Elizabeth II was a good friend of the United Nations and visited our New York headquarters twice, more than fifty years apart.

I would like to pay tribute for her unwavering, lifelong dedication to serving her people. The world will long remember her devotion and leadership.



September 18, 2022

SUNDAY Mirror Football



ERLING MAULS SLOPPY WOLVES

WOLVES 0 MANCHESTER CITY 3: SEE PAGES 4 & 5

NEWCASTLE 1

B'MOUTH 1

REPORT: PAGES 6 & 7

LEVEL BEST

Isak
equalise
(insert
Bournemouth)

SMART ALEX

Isak's penalty rescues point for lacklustre Toon



TOTTENHAM.....6

KANE 8, DIER 21, BENTANCUR 47, SON 73, 84, 86

6

LEICESTER.....2

TIELEMANS 6 (PEN), MADDISON 40



MATCH STATS

Tottenham	Leicester
11	7
2	7
3	5
6	1
9	9
1	0
83	87
11	16
27	75
44	56

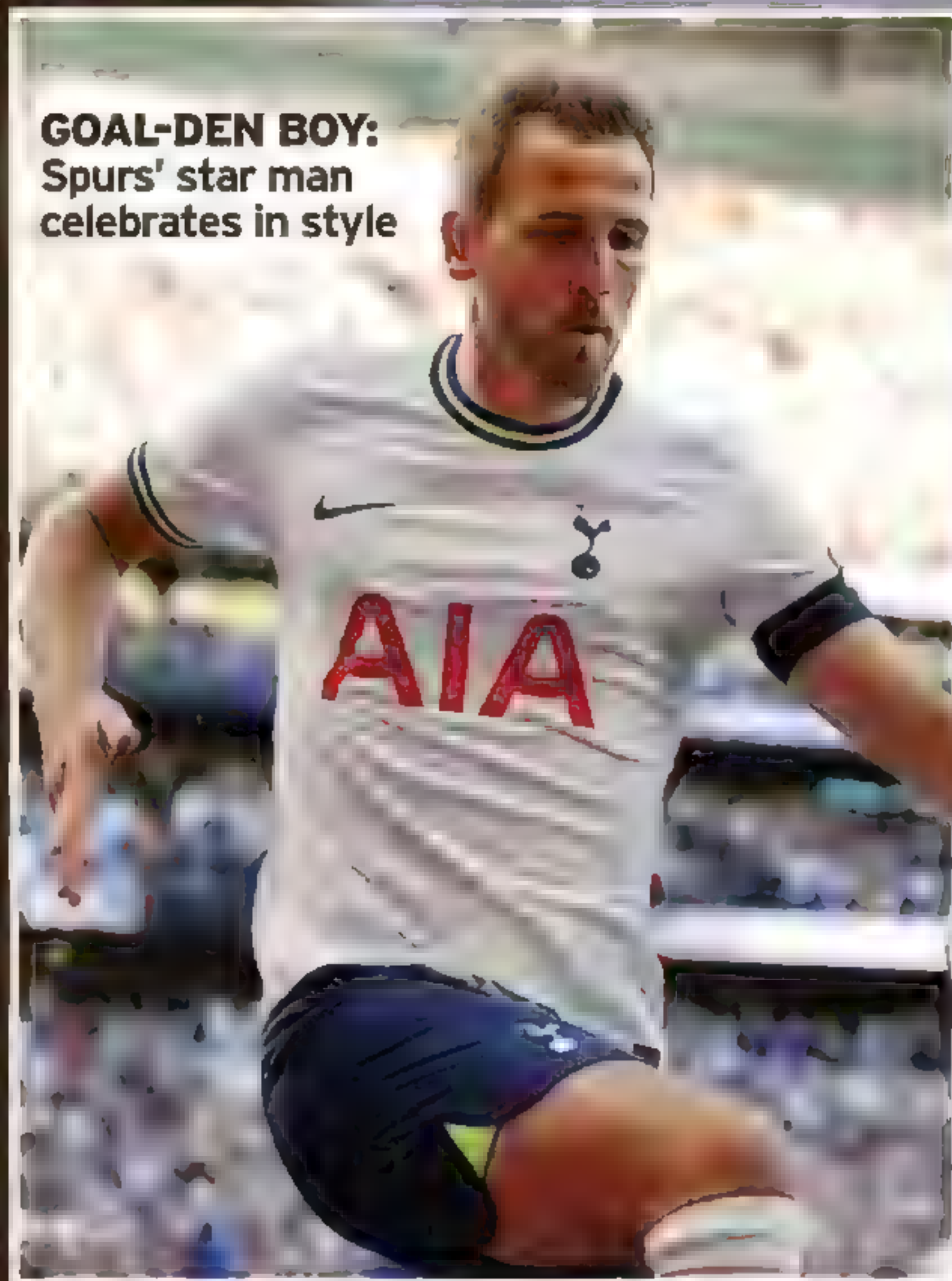
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MATCHBALL:
Son carries off his well-deserved prize

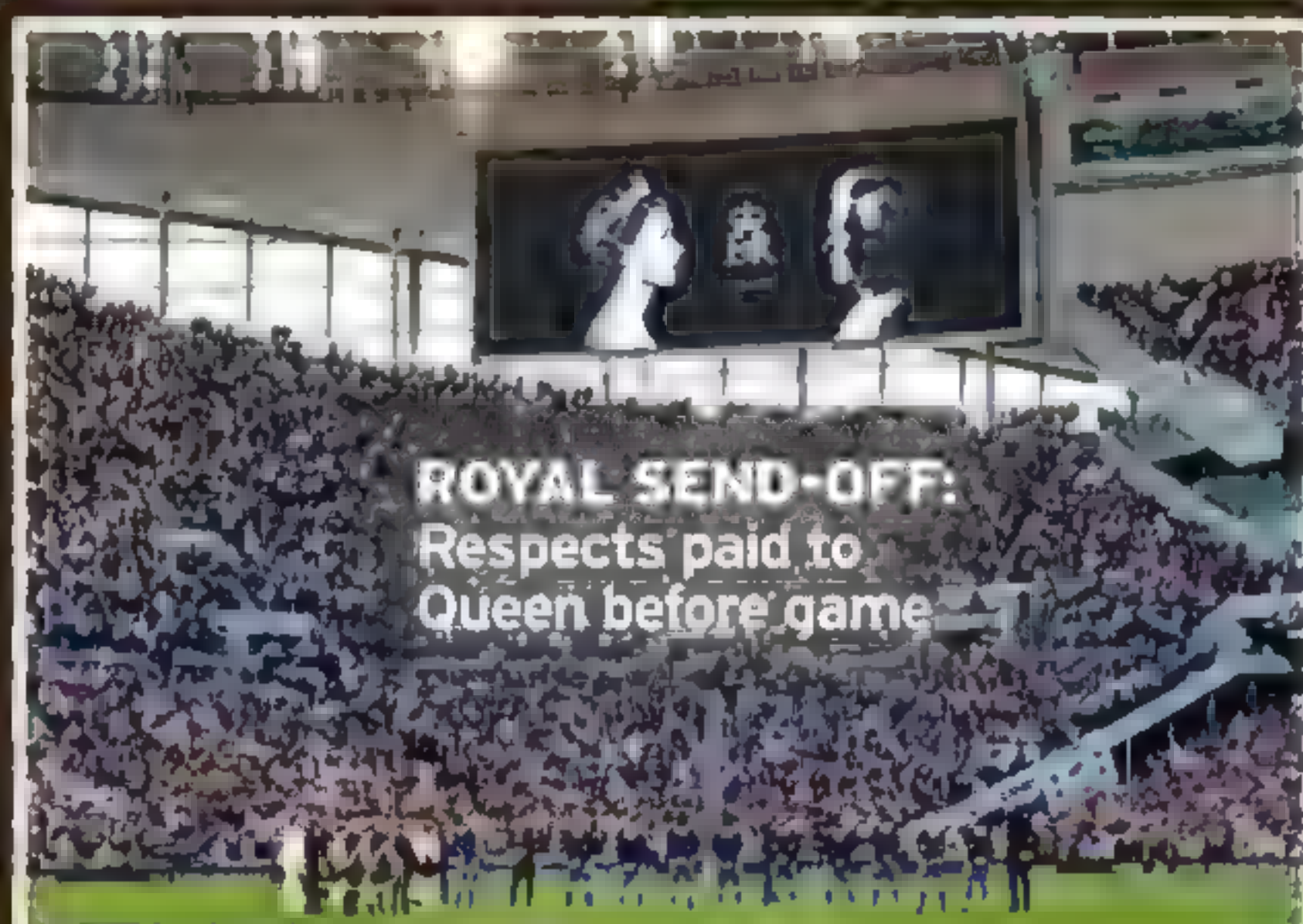


CLASS ACT:
Kane nods in equaliser

GOAL-DEN BOY:
Spurs' star man celebrates in style



PEN PAL: Tielemans coolly slots home opener from 12 yards



ROYAL SEND-OFF:
Respects paid to Queen before game



SON SHINES:
Heung-Min wraps up impressive win

IT'S FUN IN

Spurs ace hits treble as he's

HEUNG-MIN SON has had the kind of wait for a goal this season that only those who have queued at Buckingham Palace recently can relate to.

The Premier League's joint-top scorer last season had gone around 12 hours without scoring. And such was his lack of normal gusto that Tottenham boss Antonio Conte dropped him and put Richarlison and Dejan Kulusevski either side of Harry Kane against Leicester yesterday.

But Conte's decision proved just the kick up the backside he needed as the South Korean left the pitch proudly clutching the matchball after firing a 13-minute

By Tom Hopkinson
AT TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR STADIUM

hat-trick in spectacular fashion. His goals came after strikes from Harry Kane, Eric Dier and Rodrigo Bentancur ramped the heat right up on Foxes boss Brendan Rodgers (right).

Although it must be noted that his side had a decent go for much of the game – and certainly didn't look like a team not playing for their manager.

They just weren't good enough to match a Spurs team who could afford to bring such a talent as Son off the bench. This was a

cracking game and even though the home side ended up with six, Leicester actually had more shots.

The North London club just took their chances better, though, and fully deserved to win. The game exploded into life in controversial circumstances as the Foxes grabbed the lead after just six minutes.

Tottenham's players were aggrieved – and understandably so – when Davinson Sanchez was adjudged to have brought down James Justin in the box.

Referee Simon Hooper pointed to the spot and replays showed there was minimal contact.

But it wasn't a clear and

obvious error – and VAR Andre Marriner did not feel obliged to send him to the monitor.

Justice appeared to be done as Hugo Lloris pulled off a cracking save to deny Youri Tielemans from the spot.

But this time Marriner did intervene, penalising the French ace for moving from his goalline, and the Belgian thumped home the retake.

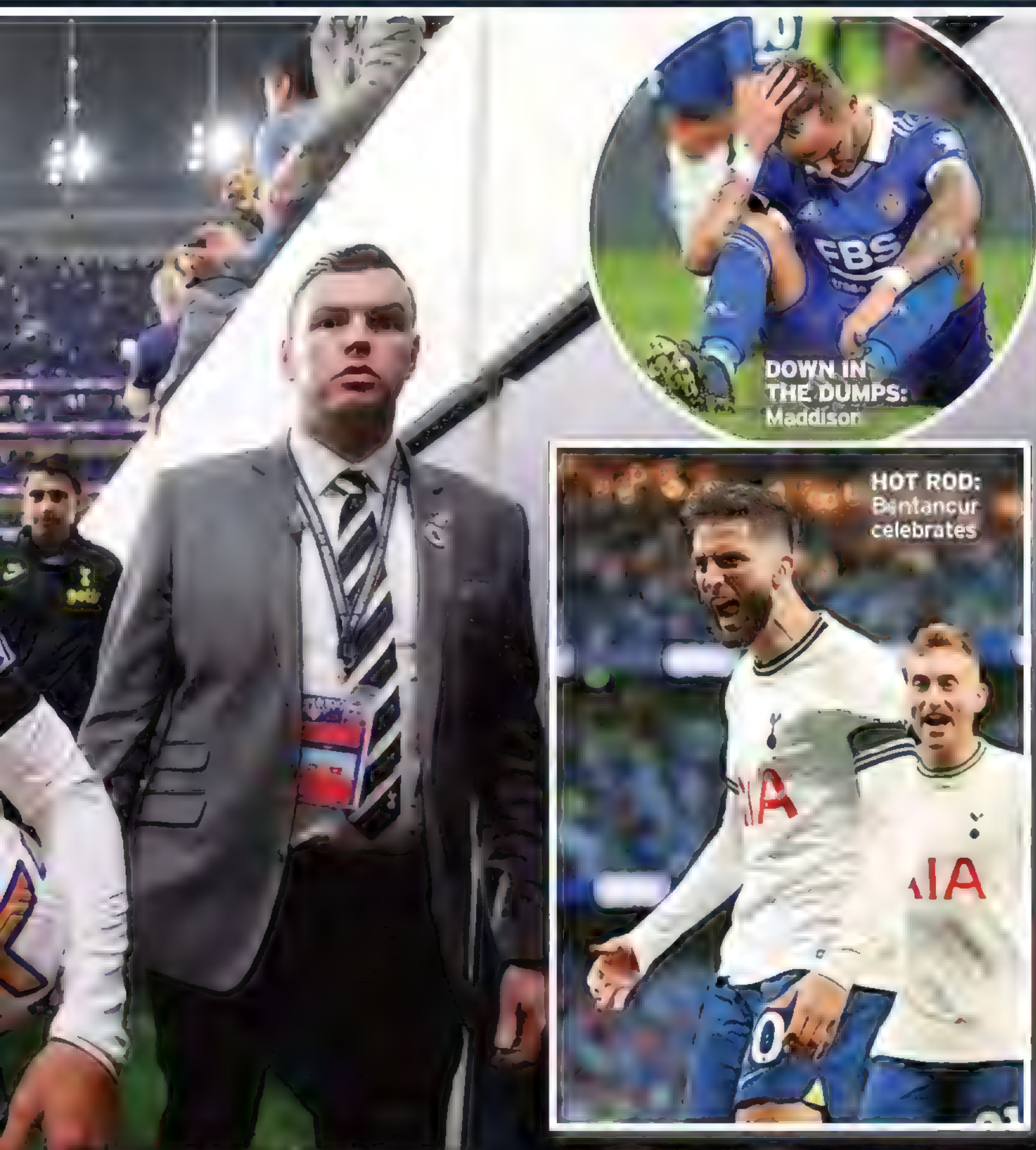
Spurs were behind for less than three minutes and, of course, it was that man Kane who headed them level, his 18th Premier League goal against Leicester.

Kulusevski fashioned an in-swinging cross from the right

■ Tottenham's 17 points from their seven Premier League games this season is their joint-best record at this stage of a campaign. They are currently joint-top.

■ Leicester are winless in their first seven league games of a campaign for the first time since 1983-84, while their 22 goals conceded is their most ever after seven league games.

■ Of all Premier League fixtures to have been played at least 30 times, Tottenham against Leicester has the highest average goals-per-game (3.73 - 123 goals in 33 games).



THE SON back to his best

with his left boot and the striker rose highest to nod home.

Ivan Perisic then swung over another corner and Dier this time got up highest to head home on 21 minutes.

Spurs arguably should have extended their advantage again before the half-hour mark but Sanchez, who jumped for the ball with Leicester keeper Danny Ward, was penalised for minimal contact as the ball bobbed in after hitting Wilfred Ndidi.

Credit must go to Leicester, as five minutes before the break, they were back on level terms.

Timothy Castagne did well down the right, nodding the ball

into his own path before crossing for James Maddison, who wrapped his right boot round the cross and curled his effort home.

Maddison has been the one shining light for the Foxes this season - but, unfortunately for him, those around him have struggled.

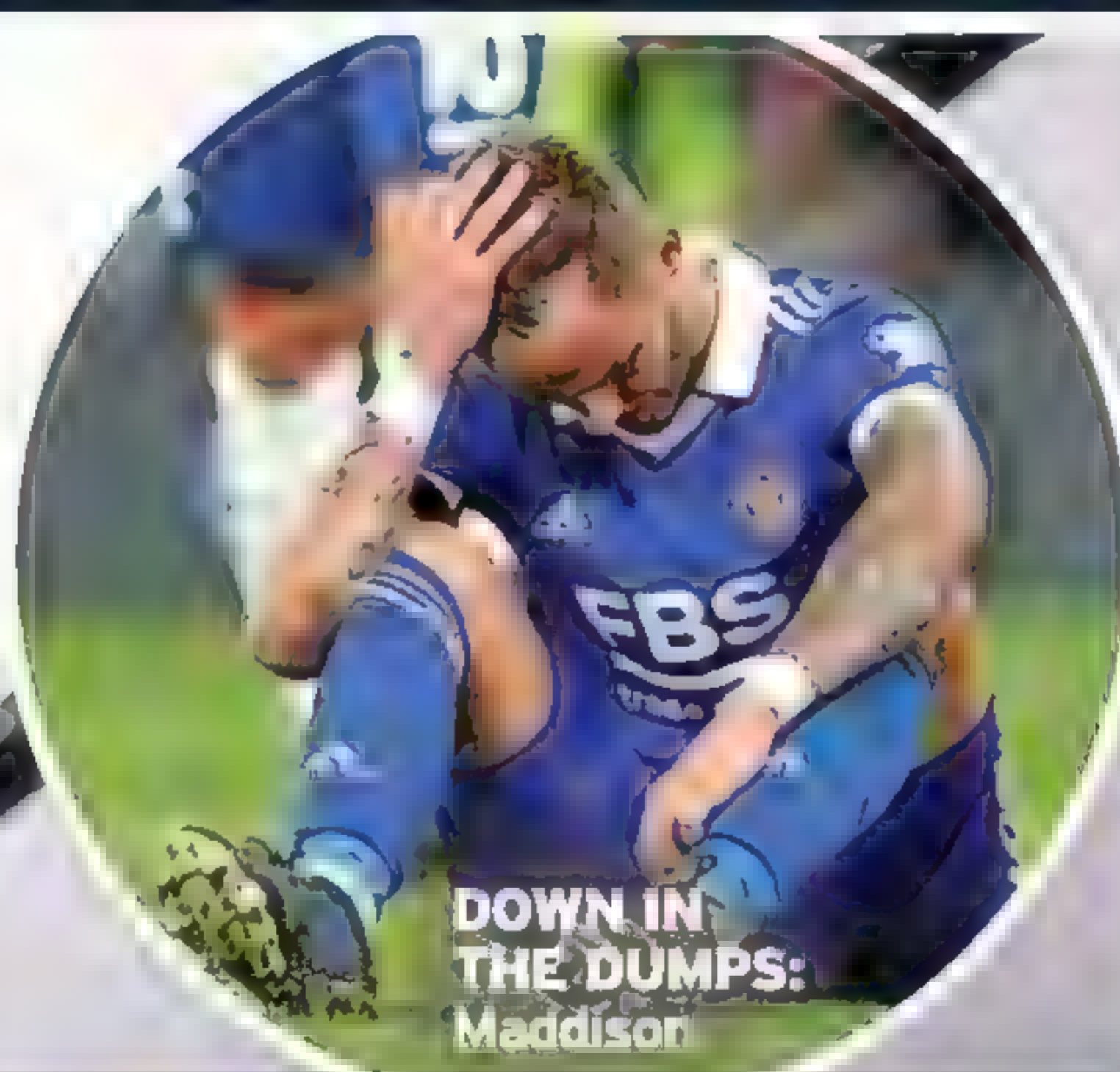
Jonny Evans' pass did not leave Ndidi many options, he dawdled long enough for Bentancur to nick the ball off him and the Uruguayan finished coolly just two minutes after the break.

Lloris then had to make a terrific save to deny Patson Daka before Son entered on 58 minutes.

His first was a beauty, curling

home with his right foot from long range, and the second, with his left foot, was more powerful but just as precise.

He thought for a minute his third, a low finish, would be chalked out for offside, but a VAR check ruled him on to everyone in white's delight.



MATCH RATINGS Tottenham

Lloris	7
Sanchez	7
Dier	8
Lenglet	7
Perisic	7
Bentancur	6
Hojbjerg	7
Sessegnon	7
Kulusevski	7
Kane	7
Richarlison	6

SUBSTITUTES

Royal (for Perisic, 54th)	6
Romero (for Sanchez, 58th)	6
Son (for Richarlison, 58th) ..	9
Bissouma (for Kulusevski, 69th) ..	6

NEXT GAME

v Arsenal (A) Oct 1

Leicester

Ward	5
Castagne	5
Evans	4
Faes	5
Justin	5
Tielemans	5
Ndidi	4
Dewsbury-Hall	6
Maddison	8
Daka	5
Barnes	6

SUBSTITUTES

Iheanacho (for Dewsbury-Hall, 73rd) ..	5
Vardy (for Daka, 73rd)	6
Soumare (for Ndidi, 84th)	6

NEXT GAME

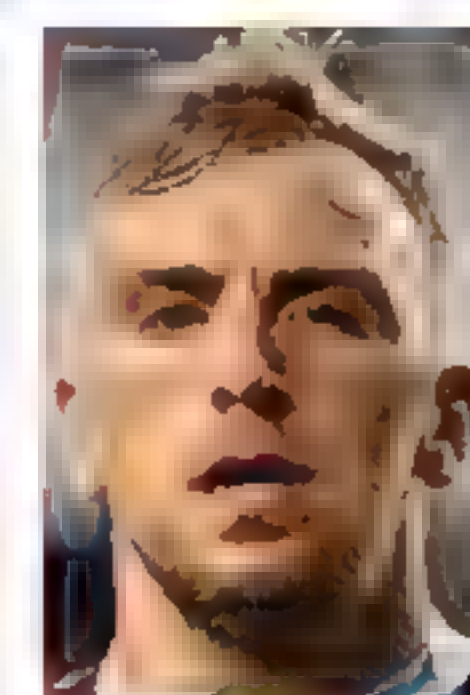
v N Forest (H)..... Oct 3

REF: Simon Hooper 6



STAR MAN

Heung-Min Son - Only on the pitch for little more than half an hour but he was absolutely electric.



Hammer is useful tool

WHILE the cat's away, bet that Everton pay.

Frank Lampard got a gutsy tune out of his Toffees in the Merseyside derby draw when last seen, but must welcome West Ham today (2.15pm) without his saving grace, goalkeeper Jordan Pickford.

The Hammers brought home the bacon from Denmark on Thursday night, putting 1996 Intertoto Cup winners Silkeborg in their place.

That place would appear to be somewhere in League One - but say what you like about the Europa Conference group stage, at least it gets you out of the house.

David Moyes was able to give a host of key men a light shift or no shift at all, and with the brilliant Pickford missing, West Ham scorer angles

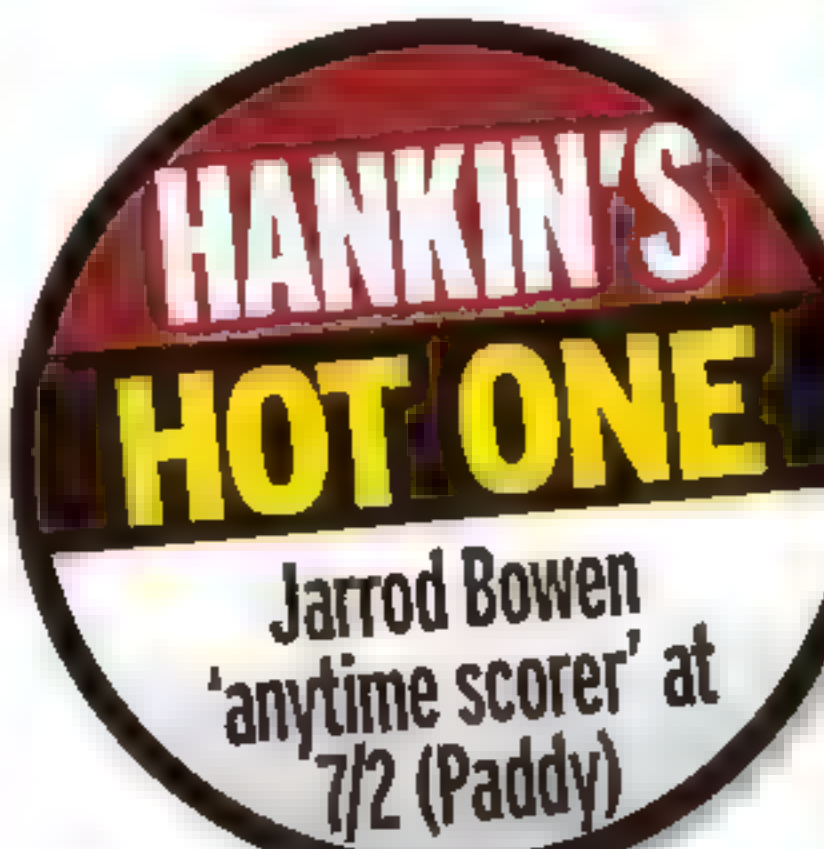
appeal. Deputy Toffees keeper Asmir Begovic was great in his pomp, but he's let in 13 goals in his eight Everton games.

If he was half as good as Pickford someone at Goodison would have noticed by now.

I'll go for Jarrod Bowen (above) 'anytime' at a fair 7/2 - Thursday's England call will be a power-up, and he's a good fit.

Longshot fans want set-piece threat Kurt Zouma 'anytime' at 17/1 (Paddy) - the big lad's got a whisker of a chance.

Last time: Winners at Evens and 11/10



Take NO 'both teams to score' at a plump, 11/10 (Paddy, Coral) in what looks likely to be a tight, tense Madrid derby (8pm, ITV4)

DON'T BLOW YOUR SHOT TO CASH IN

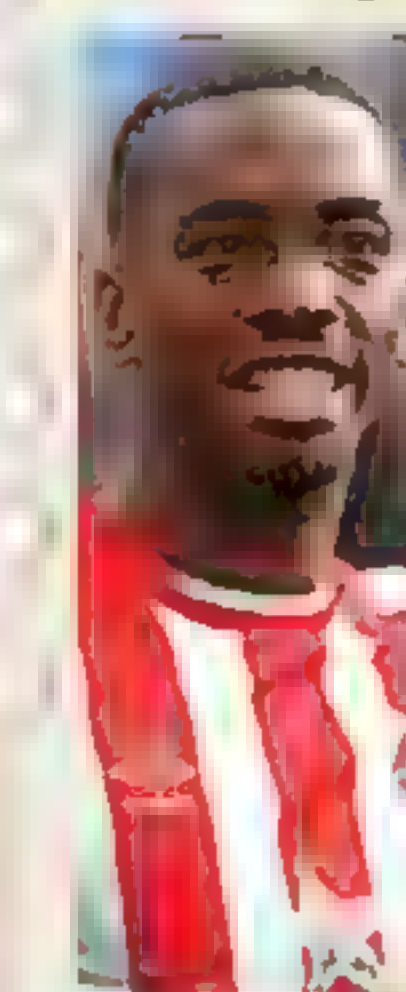
REMEMBER those far-off VAR-off days when one blundering referee was your maximum per game? You knew where you stood with them.

I feel a bit sorry for our on-field whistlers now. Middle-aged men in shorts, out in all weathers, having to ask what to do about anything bigger than a throw-in.

Back David Coote (at Brentford) and Michael Oliver (right, at Everton) with an 'OVER 3.5 total cards' double at over 2/1 (Paddy). Clear and obvious on the forecast.



Toney to torment Gunners



IVAN TONEY can cap his England call-up by rattling the visiting Arsenal backline this lunchtime.

Brentford beat Manchester United 4-0 in August, adding to last term's scalps, though their full record against the Big Six since promotion is a more ordinary W3 D2 L9.

But Toney (left) looks a nightmare for the Gunners (noon). With a high goals forecast, get on the Bees star 'anytime' at 21/10 (Bet365).



WOLVES.....0 MANCHESTER CITY.....3

GREALISH 1, HAALAND 16, FODEN 69



GOOD VALUE: Guardiola with £100m man Grealish

Boss believes Jack is Greal deal ...and he doesn't need to say thanks

PEP GUARDIOLA said he trusts Jack Grealish "unconditionally" - and insisted the £100million man had no need to thank him in public.

The Manchester City boss spoke out after the England international fired home his first goal of the season as the reigning champions cruised to a 3-0 win at Wolves.

Grealish stabbed home Kevin De Bruyne's cross from close range inside the opening minute.

Erling Haaland added a second just after the quarter-hour before Wolves defender Nathan Collins was dismissed for a crude waist-high lunge on Grealish.

The former Aston Villa man battled on after being poleaxed.

He spoke afterwards of his admiration for his manager, who he said had stood by him following a below-par show in their 2-1 midweek victory over Borussia Dortmund.

But Guardiola was having none of it.

The Spaniard said: "I trust them all unconditionally. I know them. And I trust him unconditionally. Jack is no exception to that.

"He scored a goal, he had a good performance. Every time he has the ball, he's always taking on the full-back when it's one on one. All the time, all the time.

"Maybe we don't have more runners in the final third that gives him more space but he doesn't have to say, 'Thank you' to me.

"I have confidence in him. I have confidence in all of

BY NEIL MOXLEY

them. They have to bring the best of themselves every single game. That's what I'm looking for.

"Of course, I'm happy for him and the victory.

"He has an incredible personality to play the way he does.

"Maybe I understand the focus on him because of the transfer. We have to admit it, yes, maybe.

"But he has to be who he is. That's all. Everyone has good moments. He just has to play like Jack Grealish, that's all."

Wolves boss Bruno Lage (below) admitted his side were floored by Grealish's goal after just 53 seconds.

He said: "There are two things they don't like. They don't like to spend too much time without the ball and they don't like to run.

"So our plan was simple - keep the ball.

"We need to try and make them run to recover the ball. They were playing today after a game on Wednesday.

"But when you start a game like that, you suffer."

Haaland already has 11 Premier League goals to his name. Wolves, by contrast, have bagged just three in seven outings so far this season.

Raul Jimenez was injured during pre-season, £15m capture Sasa Kalajdzic was injured after 45 minutes against Southampton and new signing Diego Costa is short of match fitness.

Lage said: "It's a worry when you don't score. Even a manager like Pep understands he needs a reference in the box."



GOAL HAAL: Haaland doubles City's lead at Molineux

MATCH STATS

Wolves	Man City
1..... Shots on target.....	7
4..... Shots off target.....	5
1..... Blocked shots.....	4
5..... Corners.....	7
7..... Fouls.....	9
0..... Offsides.....	1
85..... Passing success %.....	90
17..... Tackles.....	19
59..... Tackles won %.....	63
40..... Possession %.....	60

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THE WRITING was on the wall after 53 seconds.

At the end of 90 minutes, the letters were sky blue and 10 feet tall.

And they read that whatever is taking place among the elite elsewhere, that Manchester City will still be the team to beat this season.

This hasn't been a perfect start by Pep Guardiola & Co but it's been far better than any of their nearest rivals.

And a strangely comfortable afternoon in the Black Country only reinforced the growing feeling that while everyone else is struggling to find their feet, rebuild or readjust, the Etihad juggernaut is set on cruise control.

The final destination?

Well, that doesn't need spelling out but by leapfrogging Arsenal to go back on top of the table, the first clump of games in this Premier League campaign have been negotiated with less drama than by their title rivals.

And that was certainly the case at Molineux, where any inflamed passions were doused within the opening minute when Jack Grealish poked home the opener.

They were given another soaking when Erling Haaland added a second just after the quarter-hour and extinguished altogether when Wolves defender Nathan Collins was dismissed 12 minutes before the interval.

A third for Phil Foden after a spirited response then condemned the 10 men in old gold shirts to a final quarter of ball-chasing, while Guardiola indulged himself by bringing on an array of talent that must have left Wolves boss Bruno Lage drooling with envy.

The outcome wasn't harsh on the hosts in the slightest. If you are going to set up your side to have an open game of football against the kind of opponents they were facing, then you have to bring your 'A' game to the table.

If Lage had prepared his side to stop the champs, then he didn't do a very good job.

City dominated possession from the kick-off and worked an

By Neil Moxley
AT MOLINEUX

opening down the right when Foden backheeled to Kevin De Bruyne who had created an overlap.

The Belgian international whipped over a low cross, Haaland made a diversionary run, and Grealish popped up ahead of his marker for a textbook finish and set the stage for what was to follow - from both teams.

Wolves showed flashes but a neat triangle involving Grealish, Joao Cancelo and Bernardo Silva ended with the latter setting Haaland off with the ball at his feet 35 yards out.

Max Kilman made the job easier for him than it should have been by backing away from the Norwegian.

And the folly of that tactic was exposed when Haaland's right-foot shot - with which he didn't connect cleanly - still had the direction to flummox Jose Sa and extend the visitors' lead.

Grealish was causing untold problems with his close control and Collins paid for a moment of inexperience that ended the game as a contest.

The £100million man always appeared likely to be the winner as he attempted to chest down a bouncing ball and set off once more down the left.

However, he was stopped in his tracks by Wolves' £20m summer signing whose tackle caught the England international just below the rib cage. It was one of the season's more obvious dismissals.

This sparked a response from Wolves who are crying out for a natural goalscorer to finish off neat approach work. But it was all huff and puff with no end product.

All that remained was for Haaland and De Bruyne to combine again and Foden backheeled the third to cap a thoroughly satisfying afternoon in the autumnal sunshine for the visitors.

■ Manchester City are currently unbeaten in 22 away games in the Premier League (W16, D6), a run started just over one year ago against Leicester.

■ Wolves have won just one of their last 14 Premier League matches (D5, L8), scoring just two goals across their last six games under Bruno Lage.

■ City's Kevin De Bruyne has reached a combined 150 goals and assists in the top flight in his 217th game in the competition (58 goals, 92 assists).

■ Ten of the 22 starters were Portuguese (Wolves seven, City three), setting a new record for the most from a non-English nation in the competition.

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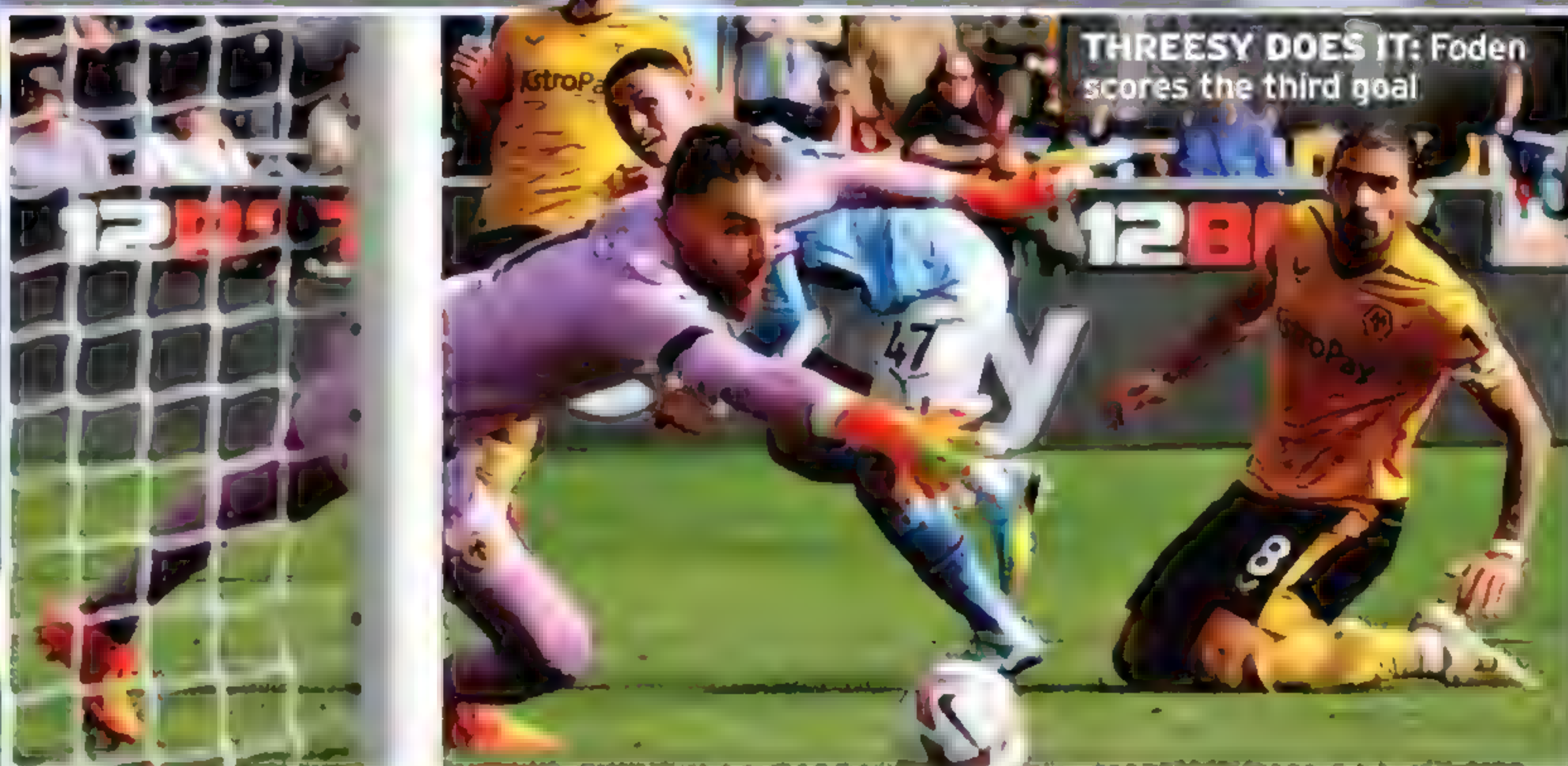
MESSAGE TO TITLE RIVALS



JACK FLASH:
Grealish puts
City in front inside
the first minute



DREAM LAND:
Haaland strikes
to make it 2-0



THREESY DOES IT: Foden
scores the third goal



MATCH RATINGS Wolves

Sa.....	5
Jonny.....	5
Collins.....	4
Kilman.....	5
Ait-Nouri.....	5
Nunes.....	5
Moutinho.....	5
Neves.....	6
Neto.....	5
Podence.....	5
Guedes.....	5

SUBSTITUTES

Hwang (for Guedes, 70).....	5
B Traore (for Podence, 70).....	5
Semedo (for Ait-Nouri, 81).....	5
Campbell (for Neto, 86).....	5

NEXT GAME

v West Ham (A)..... Oct 1

Man City

Ederson.....	6
Akanji.....	6
Stones.....	6
Dias.....	6
Cancelo.....	7
Rodri.....	7
Silva.....	7
De Bruyne.....	6
Foden.....	7
Grealish.....	7
Haaland.....	8

SUBSTITUTES

Alvarez (for Silva, 72).....	5
Gundogan (for De Bruyne, 72).....	5
Mahrez (for Foden, 72).....	6
Palmer (for Grealish, 77).....	5
Sergio Gomez (for Rodri, 81).....	6

NEXT GAME

v Man United (H) ... Oct 2

REF: Anthony Taylor 6



ANGER: Mark Robins

'It's Gust not good enough'



By JOHN WRAGG

COVENTRY boss Mark Robins slammed Gustavo Hamer after he was sent off for the second time in a month.

Hamer lashed out at Birmingham sub Hannibal Mejbri, kicking him in the head, as they tussled on the ground a minute from time.

Ref Graham Scott showed an immediate red card and Robins said: "Birmingham smelt a bit of blood when Hamer was sent off. His disciplinary record is absolutely ridiculous.

"That's a four-game suspension for Hamer.

"We need everybody fit and available and now that has happened. He is such a key player for us.

"I didn't see the incident at the time. I've seen it subsequently and it looked to me that Mejbri grabbed his legs and Hamer did what he had to, to try to get free.

"The eagle-eyed officials saw it and he's sent off for violent conduct. I'm going to speak to the referee but I don't think we will appeal it."

Hamer, who got 17 yellow cards last season, was sent off in a 3-2 defeat at Millwall in August for two more yellow cards and served a one-game ban.

The Sky Blues are bottom of the Championship, seven points adrift of safety with three games in hand on West Brom.

It might have been worse because when they were a man short, captain Kyle McFadzean cleared off the line from sub Lukas Jutkiewicz.

"I'm a bit disappointed we didn't win but we didn't start very well and overall a draw was a fair result," said Blues boss John Eustace.

BIRMINGHAM: Ruddy 7; Colin 6, Sanderson 7, Trusty 7; Williams 6, Bielik 6, Chong 6, Graham 6; Bacuna 8 (Mejbri (67) 5); Hogan 6, Deeney 6 (Jutkiewicz (78) 6)

COVENTRY: Wilson 8; Doyle 6, McFadzean 6, Panzo 6; Dabo 6, Allen 6 (Palmer (77) 5), Hamer 7, Sheaf 6, B dwell 6; Godden 6 (Walker (77) 5), Gyokeres 6

STAR MAN: Juninho Bacuna - Didn't last whole game and Coventry were grateful for that. Very creative.

REF: Graham Scott 6

STAR MAN

Erling Haaland - scored one, made one, and a run to create space for the other goal, a pretty good afternoon for the newly-crowned Player of the Month.





NEWCASTLE.....1 BOURNEMOUTH.....1

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BILLING 62



TAKING FLIGHT: Joelinton is fouled by Ryan Christie

O'Neil wanting to stay after finding Bourne identity

GARY O'NEIL is hoping to hear if he will keep the Bournemouth job this week.

The caretaker boss, who stepped into the hot-seat when Scott Parker was sacked, has galvanised his squad.

They fought out a brave point on Tyneside and were disappointed not to go away with all three.

O'Neil will hold talks with the club, subject of an imminent takeover, in the coming days to see if he will keep the job longer term.

He said: "I will be finding out what's happening club-wise next week and see what the plan is. If it is me we'll get back to work on the grass with the lads."

"I have no idea what's happening - I knew I was taking today and I don't know about further, I guess I'll find out tomorrow."

"It is a good point for us, it is a tough place to come. The boys stood up."

"I am a little bit disappointed with the penalty but we would have taken a point before."

"I am pleased the boys got something out of it because they put in a hell of a shift."

"We had a couple of plans prepared so the boys were prepared to flip between them. We changed

By SIMON BIRD

it a little bit in the second half and had to give up a little bit of ground but I never really felt under threat. I am relatively pleased.

"They will show spirit every game."

"It is such a tough league so we will reset. This game means nothing as of tomorrow."

"This game won't help you in the next one. I am just delighted for the lads, everyone, the fans, because it is a hell of a long way to come."

"We appreciate their support - the boys need them in those tough moments where they have to dig in."

Newcastle boss Eddie Howe (left) was unhappy with his side's show and admits it made for painful viewing.

He said: "Our performance was below the level we set ourselves."

"We played in front of them too much. I felt we were off in every aspect of our game."

"It was a difficult watch towards the end. We needed to do a lot better to break them down."

Allan Saint-Maximin has had an injury setback and is a doubt for the next game at Fulham.

IT'S TURNED

Howe's facing fresh issues as



PHILLYER BOOTS: Billing beats Nick Pope to score in the 62nd minute



TOP BILLING Celebrations after opener



TOUGH WATCH: Brazil play-maker Joelinton looks frustrated

NO wins in six league games for Eddie Howe's Newcastle and the early season optimism is ebbing away.

Despite having more than 70 per cent possession, the hosts were rescued by VAR - and there were a few boos at full time.

Alexander Isak (right) kept his cool to level the game from a controversially awarded penalty, after Phillip Billing had put the visitors ahead.

Newcastle looked very ordinary in attack, and didn't do enough to cut open a resilient and well-organised Bournemouth.

They have lost just once in 13 league games at home this year, but this was their third draw in a row on Tyneside and they've only beaten new boys Nottingham Forest in seven games.

It seems breaking into the elite

By Simon Bird AT ST JAMES' PARK

will be harder than some expected.

Despite having spent £200million on eight players in two windows this season, Newcastle are short on real creativity.

Brazil play-maker Bruno Guimaraes was back after missing three league games but they were still without Callum Wilson, Allan Saint-Maximin and Jonjo Shelvey through injury.

The impact of those three being out on their attacking play is significant.

Billing opened the scoring following a sweeping multi-pass move after an accomplished spell from the Cherries. The

home fans were silenced by the attacker's deft touch past Nick Pope at the front post, after he ran off Fabian Schar.

Jordan Zemura provided the assist.

That was on the hour, and Newcastle were gifted a way back by VAR.

In recent weeks Howe's side have been on the wrong end of VAR decisions - a goal disallowed at Liverpool, penalty claims missed and a Joe Willock goal harshly disallowed against Crystal Palace.

The club complained to the VAR officials in the aftermath, and Bournemouth might claim the system was rewarding Newcastle for recent errors.

It was another controversy. Kieran Trippier's cross hit Jefferson Lerma but his hand



MOORE PLEASE: O'Neil sees Kieffer Moore battle on

■ Newcastle have become the first team to draw five of their first seven Premier League games since Sunderland in 2014-15.

■ Alexander Isak became the 27th different player to score a Premier League penalty for Newcastle, more than any other side in the competition's history.

■ Bournemouth's Philip Billing has scored two goals in his last two Premier League games - as many as he managed in his previous 49 matches.

■ Adam Smith became only the third Bournemouth player to reach the 150th Prem game milestone, after Steve Cook (168) and Joshua King (161).

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early-season hopes fade

SPOT ON: Isak levels the score with a penalty

MATCH STATS

Newcastle	B'mouth
7.....Shots on target.....3	
8.....Shots off target.....5	
5.....Blocked shots.....2	
8.....Corners.....1	
10.....Fouls.....11	
3.....Offsides.....1	
86.....Passing success %.....67	
16.....Tackles.....17	
69.....Tackles won %.....71	
73.....Possession %.....27	

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didn't appear to be in an unnatural position as he ran.

But VAR sent Craig Pawson to the monitor and he awarded the penalty.

New boy Isak converted for his first goal at St James' Park and second since arriving for £60m in August.

Howe was unemotional about facing the club he made his managerial name with. But he admitted he wouldn't be in the Newcastle dug-out if it wasn't for leading the Cherries to the Premier League over a 10-year, two-stint spell.

Gary O'Neil's side, though, were excellent.

England right-back Trippier hit the post with a trademark free-kick after 27 minutes but for

long periods the game, and Newcastle, were flat.

Bournemouth were sharp in the tackle and tactically in a good shape cutting out routes forward.

Just before half-time Joelinton hit the bar, then was denied by keeper Neto who also saved well from Ryan Fraser in a frenzy of shots.

After the break the visitors managed a break and low shot from Dominic Solanke.

The Cherries will stay up this season if they

perform like this, with a threat on the break and it is now five points won since their 9-0 defeat to Liverpool.

Newcastle need to work out how to break teams down.



MATCH RATINGS

Newcastle

Pope.....	6
Trippier.....	7
Schar.....	6
Burn.....	6
Targett.....	6
Joelinton.....	5
Guimaraes.....	6
Willock.....	6
Fraser.....	5
Almiron.....	5
Isak.....	6

SUBSTITUTES

Longstaff (for Guimaraes, 72).....	6
Murphy (for Fraser, 72).....	6
Wood (for Almiron, 90).....	6

NEXT GAME

v Fulham (A)..... Oct 1

B'mouth

Neto.....	7
Smith.....	6
Mepham.....	7
Senesi.....	7
Zemura.....	8
Cook.....	7
Lerma.....	7
Christie.....	6
Billing.....	6
Tavernier.....	6
Solanke.....	5

SUBSTITUTES

Anthony (for Tavernier, 80).....	6
Stacey (for Christie, 87).....	6
Moore (for Solanke, 90).....	6
Stephens (for Billing, 90).....	6

NEXT GAME

v Brentford (H)..... Oct 1

REF: Craig Pawson 6



STAR MAN

Jordan Zemura - Excellent at left-back in defence and a real creative outlet.



Toon not All Star just yet

ONE of the most provocative answers ahead of a North East derby came from the question of who would get into a combined Newcastle and Sunderland side.

It was October 2012, Newcastle had just finished fifth in the Premier League under Alan Pardew and were playing in Europe.

I asked defender Steven Taylor which Mackem players would get into the Toon side. His answer: None.

Fair play to Taylor (below) for avoiding the boring, cliched answer, and for backing his team-mates. He caused a storm, wasn't far off the mark, and it was quite amusing in its partisanship, ahead of the game on Wearside, which was drawn 1-1.

It came to mind as fans debated the merits - mooted by Chelsea owner Todd Boehly - of a Premier League All Star Game.

Hardly any players outside of Manchester and Liverpool got a mention for the North team in public votes.

Fair enough, when the two best teams in Europe last season are on the patch.

From the back Ederson, Alexander-Arnold, Van Dijk, Dias, Cancelo.

Could Nick Pope break in there for shot-stopping this season? Kieran Trippier to push Alexander-Arnold?

In midfield we have Rodri, Neves, De Bruyne. No Bruno Guimaraes, who was left on the bench but a worthy contender.

Up front there is Salah, Haaland, Foden. Few arguments here too, but by the end of the season Eddie Howe will be hoping £60million Alexander Isak and Allan Saint-Maximin are at least being debated for inclusion.

Newcastle's mission given their new riches is to bridge that gap over the next couple of years.

Maybe Sunderland can get in on the act too with promotion. Did you see the sublime one-touch passing move that ended with Jack Clarke scoring against Reading on Wednesday? Incredible.

The last word...

THE hard work of an important charity looked set to go to waste last weekend when games were postponed because of the Queen's death.

Players of at least 10 clubs were set to wear 'If U Care Share' T-shirts aimed at tackling suicide with the words: I'm getting what's on the Inside Out.

Organisers are hoping hours of work can come good and get a new date agreed with clubs soon, especially after high-profile losses in the game, including Gary Speed.



GLAD HATTERS: Reece Burke (right) enjoys No.2

Jones tells fans to cool it after ending rotten home run

NATHAN JONES pleaded for Luton supporters to be more patient after his side finally broke their home hoodoo.

The tightly-packed, ramshackle stadium at Kenilworth Road has traditionally been a fortress as Luton have readjusted to life in the second tier over the previous three seasons.

Yet Jones' men have stuttered there so far this term, so it was an enormous relief to get their first home win under their belt. Especially against such tough opposition.

Carlton Morris and Reece Burke both netted as the Hatters pinned Blackburn back during a rampant second-half display.

Yet Jones called for calm after the game, rounding on his critics.

He said: "I don't read social media but people

sometimes show me stuff and things that are people saying, telling me we should be doing stuff.

"I've got a message for our fans - there are a lot of

Championship teams that should be beating teams. And their fans keep saying it.

"We're not a team that should be beating teams. What we are is a team who goes about our business with humility.

"We're hard-working, we've got an honest group, we've got a wonderful way of doing stuff and we've got a fantastic environment.

"And at times it's difficult as Championship games are very difficult to win, as we found out the first year that we were in it.

"We can say we 'should be, should be, should be'. But those are the type of performances we put in and the crowd should get behind that as there's no God-given right to win a football game.

"We're a relatively new



side in this at this level but we just keep doing it. And I'm really proud of the team. So get behind the team as they were magnificent today."

Jon Dahl Tomasson's Blackburn side controlled most of the first half without doing any damage to their hosts.

Chilean international Ben Brereton Diaz fluffed their only real chance when his scuffed effort beat home goalkeeper Ethan Horvath only for Dan Potts to clear off the line.

That turned out to be the visitors' only shot on target. Morris bagged his sixth goal of the season when he

steered home

Luton	Blackburn
4	Shots on target
5	Shots off target
4	Blocked shots
4	Corners
10	Fouls
5	Offsides
2	Yellow cards
0	Red cards
69	Passing success %
11	Tackles
63	Tackles won %
39	Possession %

was allowed

to carry the ball

into enemy territory before unleashing a 25-yard curler that beat Thomas Kaminski.

Tomasson said: "It was a disappointing result. We probably had the best chance of the game. If that had gone in then we win the match.

"So when you're playing away you have to take your chance.

"I hate losing but I'm not someone who easily gets concerned as I prefer to look at the bigger picture."

LUTON: Horvath 6; Burke 8, Lockyer 8, Potts 7, Bree 7, Lansbury 7 (Freeman 75) 6; Campbell 7, Clark 7 (Osho 90) 5; Bell 7, Woodrow 6 (Jerome 75) 6; Morris 8 (Onyedimma 89) 5

BLACKBURN: Kaminski 6; Hyam 6, Ayala 6, Wharton 7, Carter 6 (Brittain 59) 6; Travis 5, Morton 6 (Buckley 70) 5; Pickering 7, Dolan 6 (Hirst 59) 5; Hedges 5, Brereton Diaz 6

STAR MAN: Reece Burke - Absolute brick wall at the back on his return to the side - and what a finish.

REF: Josh Smith 7



NORWICH.....1 WEST BROM.....1

BYRAM 68

O'SHEA 9



BRAM CHOKER

Ref's horror howler cost us win blasts Bruce



HEAD START: Dara O'Shea (right) celebrates his early opener



LUCKY STRIKE: Teemu Pukki fires goalwards before going in off Byram

MATCH STATS

Norwich	West Brom
3	Shots on target
4	Shots off target
4	Blocked shots
7	Corners
10	Fouls
1	Offsides
1	Yellow cards
0	Red cards
82	Passing success %
17	Tackles
58	Tackles won %
65	Possession %

STEVE BRUCE slammed referee Thomas Bramall for two controversial calls that could get him sacked.

West Brom boss Bruce was left fuming when Sam Byram's Norwich equaliser was not ruled out for handball.

And he was adamant Bramall had already blundered by failing to award a penalty at 1-0 when John Swift was barged over.

The result left the Baggies firmly in the relegation picture going into the international break - a time when many clubs axe struggling managers.

Bruce said: "I know it's a hard job but big decisions have cost us and if I don't win games I get my head chopped off.

"The big decisions they need to get right and we had two against us - their goal and the penalty."

Bruce must have felt his luck was in when Norwich were caught flat-footed for Dara O'Shea to head home in the ninth minute.

Swift swung a free-kick to the back post where the defender, in acres of space,

By Jon West
AT CARROW ROAD

planted a downward header past keeper Tim Krul.

Norwich, who stay second, were fortunate that Albion were not awarded a penalty a few minutes later.

Kenny McLean gave the ball away in his own half and Grant Hanley's attempt to intervene saw Swift barged over in the box.

Bramall decided it was no spot-kick however, to the disbelief of Baggies on the pitch and on the bench.

Norwich boss Dean Smith was convinced it had been the correct call however.

He said: "It's not a penalty. If it's a penalty it should have been a free-kick that led to it for the same thing so it's consistency from the referee, well done."

The Baggies continued to keep Norwich quiet for huge spells, although home fans

were quick to accuse them of time-wasting. But fortune deserted Bruce and Co in the 68th minute when Byram was able to celebrate his first goal since December 2015, when he was at Leeds.

Not that he knew much about it as Teemu Pukki's shot from the edge of the box hit his body to deceive David Button.

Albion were convinced the left-back had used an arm to make the fateful deflection - and their protests convinced Bramall to consult assistant Matthew Wilkes.

Again Smith believed the official had got it right by deciding to give it.

He said: "I'm led to believe that if it's T-shirt - if it hits the top of the arm - then it's okay, so it looks like a good goal."

NORWICH: Krul 6; Aarons 6, Hanley 6, Omobamidele 6, Byram 7; McLean 5, Nunez 6 (Dowell 78) 5; Sargent 6, Ramsey 6 (Cantwell 88) 4; Sara 6 (Hernandez 60) 6; Pukki 6

WEST BROM: Button 6; Furlong 6, O'Shea 7, Townsend 7, Pieters 6; Molumby 6 (Phillips 90) 3; Livermore 6; Wallace 6, Swift 7, Diangara 7 (Reach 87) 4; Thomas-Asante 6 (Grant 78) 5

STAR MAN: John Swift - A bron midfielder was at the heart of most of his side's memorable moments.

REF: Thomas Bramall 6



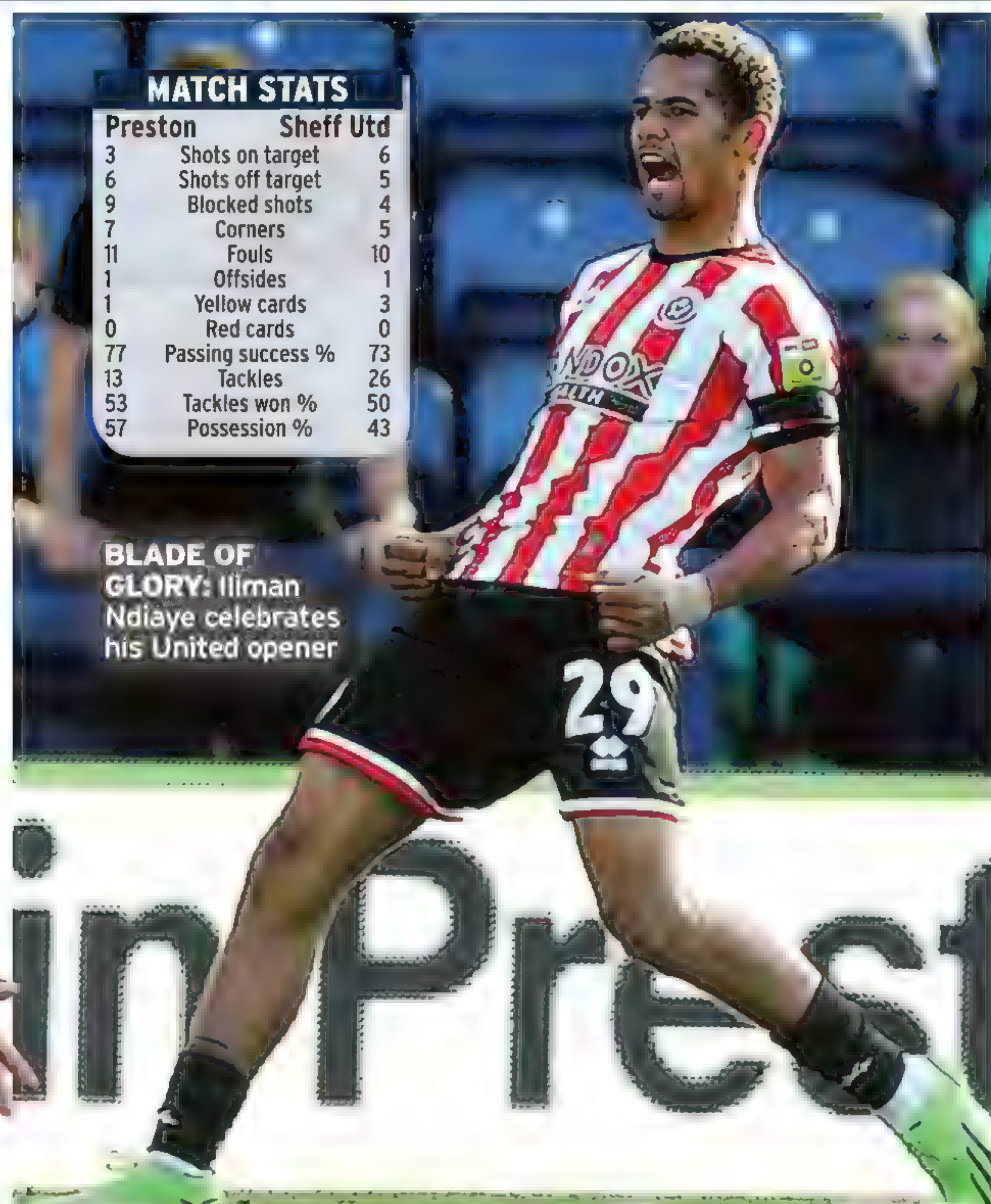
PRESTON..0 SHEFF UTD..2

NDIAYE 40, McBURNIE 75

MATCH STATS

Preston		Sheff Utd
3	Shots on target	6
6	Shots off target	5
9	Blocked shots	4
7	Corners	5
11	Fouls	10
1	Offsides	1
1	Yellow cards	3
0	Red cards	0
77	Passing success %	73
13	Tackles	26
53	Tackles won %	50
57	Possession %	43

BLADE OF GLORY: Ilman Ndiaye celebrates his United opener



Top stuff

HECK HEROES GRIT OF ALRIGHT

SHEFFIELD United boss Paul Heckingbottom praised his side's character after they extended their lead to at the Championship summit to three points.

Oli McBurnie's fourth goal in five league games and Ilman Ndiaye's smart first-half opener did the trick as the buoyant Blades clinched a fourth successive league win.

Heckingbottom also took comfort from a fourth straight clean sheet from his tight team.

"Two-nil away wins don't come easy, you've got to do a lot of good things right to get them," he said.

"Credit to the players because we found a way to win. We weren't at our best in the first half but we showed our strength in the second half. It was much more like us.

"We were lethargic in the first half and weren't as aggressive as we normally are. We were second to things. They were better second half."

Preston were the better side in the first half and created a hatful of chances but lacked a killer instinct.

And the hosts' failure to find the back of the net came back to haunt them with Ben Whiteman, Troy Parrott and Ali McCann having all

By Neil Goulding

AT DEEPALE

squandered good opportunities to shock the division's form side.

Senegalese midfielder Ndiaye made them pay when he sweetly slotted home five minutes before half-time after a mix-up between Whiteman and defender Liam Lindsay.

Then McBurnie did what he does best, firing home from close range in front of the travelling supporters.

"We're creating chances but it's concerning we're getting into good areas and we're not finding the back of the net," said Preston manager Ryan Lowe.

"But what I will say is we gifted them two goals.

"They'll be a lot more happier than I am because the goal we've gifted them are very sloppy on our behalf."

PRESTON: Woodman 6; Hughes 6, Lindsay 6, Storey 6, Whiteman 6; Potts 6 (Ledson (82) 6), McCann 6 (Johnson (69) 6), Browne 6, Fernandez 6 (Brady (69) 5); Parrott 6 (Maguire (82) 5), Riis 6 (Evans 69) 6)

SHEFFIELD UNITED: Foderingham 7; Ahmedhodzic 7, Egan 7, Basham 7; Baldock 7, Ndiaye 7 (McAtee (90) 5), Berge 7, Norwood 7, Norrington-Davies 7; Brewster 7 (Doyle (69) 5), McBurnie 8 (Sharp (82) 6)

STAR MAN: Oli McBurnie - The on-song Blades striker bagged his fourth goal in five games.

REF: Jeremy Simpson 7

Zian mighty as Flemming close call gives Lions a lift

MILLWALL boss Gary Rowett prays record signing Zian Flemming is confirmed as the scorer of his first goal for the club.

The Lions claimed a vital second win in seven games through Benik Afobe's second goal of the season.

That came after debutant Flemming, a £1.7million summer capture from Fortuna Sittard, saw a goal awarded via goal-line technology although it was initially deemed an own



goal by goalkeeper Daniel Grimshaw.

The Dutch striker's header was cancelled out before half-time by an equaliser from on-loan Arsenal teenager Charlie Patino.

Rowett, who saw

half-time jeers from fans turn to cheers, said: "I hear there was a doubt about the first goal but Zian claimed it and the referee wrote down his name.

"At half-time I just told the players to be brave and trust me."

In the 14th minute Flemming got in a header that Grimshaw just failed to keep out.

It was millimetres over the line via a post but referee Darren Bond got

the signal on his watch. The Tangerines were level when Patino finished a fine move.

Flemming also hit a post but Afobe restored Millwall's lead, smashing in the rebound after Callum Styles' effort was blocked.

Blackpool boss Michael Appleton said: "It is frustrating. I didn't think Millwall did enough to win."

MILLWALL: Long 6; Cresswell 6, Cooper 6, Wallace 6; Styles 7, Mitchell 6; Shackleton 6, Malone 6; Honeyman 6 (McNamara (77) 6), Flemming 7 (Bradshaw (88) 6); Afobe 6

BLACKPOOL: Grimshaw 5; Ekpiteta 6, Thornley 6, Husband 6 (Hamilton (81) 6); Connolly 6 (Gabriel (72) 6), Dougall 6, Patino 6 (Carey (89) 6), Thompson 6; Corbineau 6, Yates 6 (Poveda (72) 6), Lavery 6

STAR MAN: Zian Flemming - Claimed a first Millwall goal by millimetres and unlucky to later hit the post.

REF: Darren Bond 7

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Ince strikes but dad wants more for promotion push

PAUL INCE will not be giving son Tom any pocket money this week, despite his sublime match-winning free-kick settling the game for the Royals.

His second-half strike earned the Royals a sixth league victory this term and ensured the Latics are winless from their five home matches.

But father Paul feels Tom needs to show a ruthless streak if Reading are to push for promotion, saying:



"I expect Tom to get double figures this season. He should have three already, but he missed one today, so he won't be getting any pocket money."

Boss Ince hailed his team's resilience as they bounced back with a win

after losing to Sunderland. He said: "The lads put in a brilliant performance to bounce back from the defeat mid-week."

After a lacklustre first half, the only goal of the game came after the hour mark when Ince was brought down on the edge of the box and he dispatched the free-kick into the top corner.

Wigan almost hit straight back when James McClean whipped in a cross from the

left finding Will Keane, but his glancing header was denied by the post.

Latics boss Leam

Richardson said: "It was a game we could have won, we had the momentum and possession without really turning it into penetration."

"This league is unforgiving and if you're not at it teams will ask you questions."

WIGAN: Amos 6; Darikwa 5 (Scully (82) 6); Whatmough 6; Tilt 6; McClean 6; Shinnie 5; Power 6; Keane 6 (Naylor (82) 6); Lang 7; Aasgaard 6 (Wyke (59) 5); Magennis 6 (Broadhead (59) 6)

READING: Lumley 6; Hoilett 7 (Mbengue (86) 6); Yiadom 6; Holmes 6; Fornah 6 (Loun (76) 5); Hutchinson 6; McIntyre 7; Hendrick 6; Baba Rahman 7; Ince 8 (Carroll (90) 6); Joao 6 (Meite (76) 5)

STAR MAN: Tom Ince - A sublime goal from a free-kick capped off an imperious performance for the Royals.
REF: David Webb 7



BURNLEY..2 BRISTOL C..1

MANUEL 4, RODRIGUEZ 67

WELLS 27

MATCH STATS		
Burnley		Bristol C
6	Shots on target	5
5	Shots off target	3
2	Blocked shots	1
8	Corners	5
10	Fouls	6
5	Offsides	1
1	Yellow cards	1
0	Red cards	0
87	Passing success %	65
11	Tackles	13
91	Tackles won %	69
72	Possession %	28

MOOR TO SHOUT ABOUT: Jay Rodriguez celebrates his winner at Turf Moor

Hot Rod

CLARET JAY HAS LAST LAUGH

By John Richardson
AT TURF MOOR

HE was mocked by the visiting fans that he was "a s**t Andy Carroll" but Jay Rodriguez had the final word with a brilliant header.

And it was a finish the aforementioned former Newcastle and Liverpool striker would have been proud of.

It certainly brought a smile from Burnley boss Vincent Kompany who, until the Carroll lookalike struck three minutes before the 70th-minute homage was paid to the Queen, appeared to be in for a frustrating afternoon.

Kompany said: "This was a real tricky game but I am happy because we go into the international break with everything we want."

When substitute Johann Berg Gudmundsson crossed into the box Rodriguez stole in ahead of his marker and glanced a well-executed header into the corner of the net.

Until then the headlines appeared reserved for one-time Burnley misfit Nahki Wells, who had cancelled out an early home goal from Manuel Benson.

Wells joined in a £5million deal but only managed 46 minutes of league action in two-and-a-half years and

didn't score, being sent out on loan. It had been a flying start by Kompany's side and it was right-sided speedster Benson who capitalised on Bristol's inability to close down, the Belgian advancing to the edge of the box and firing past Dan Bentley via the inside of the post.

His fourth-minute strike was his first for the club since a summer move from Royal Antwerp.

And it could have been worse for Nigel Pearson's slow-starting side as a Josh Brownhill attempt was deflected just over the bar.

Pearson said: "They have some lively players and it wasn't for the fainthearted. After that we had our chances but we have to be realistic."

BURNLEY: Muric 6; Roberts 6; Harwood-Bellis 6; Beyer 6; Maatsen 7 (Vinhho (87) 6); Cullen 7; Cork 6; Benson 7 (Gudmundsson (52) 7); Brownhill 7; Tella 6 (Zaroury (66) 6); Rodriguez 7 (Dervisoglu (87) 6)

BRISTOL CITY: Bentley 6; Vyner 6; Naismith 6; Atkinson 7 (Martin (79) 6); Sykes 6; James 6 (Massengo (75) 6); Scott 6 (Williams (46) 6); Dasi 6; Weimann 6; Wells 7; Conway 6 (Semenyo (46) 6)

STAR MAN: Ian Maatsen - The Chelsea loanee was a constant threat on the left flank.
REF: Oliver Langford 7

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WATFORD...2 SUNDERLAND..2

DAVIS 34, O'NIEN 62 (OG)

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ROB-BED AGAIN

Edwards rues inconsistency as Cats hit back

M-AJI-C TOUCH:
Aji Alese fires
Black Cats' first
equaliser

MATCH STATS

Watford	Sun'land
4	5
6	4
3	3
8	3
0	6
0	2
0	4
0	0
79	72
20	23
85	74
56	44

ROB EDWARDS is bracing himself for a big two weeks as he looks to address his inconsistent Watford start.

The Hornets are never shy in axing managers and their current streak of one victory in eight matches is bound to cause alarm amongst the hierarchy.

Watford were amongst the favourites for an immediate Premier League return but will go into the international break outside the top six, after Jewison Bennette denied them a crucial win.

Edwards said: "There's always pressure at this football club but I won't shy away from that."

"If you look at consistency of performances there are lots of good signs. We've seen that but not for 90 minutes."

"We will have a rest and then need to work hard. We have an opportunity to build something here and I aim to make that happen."

"I'd say we've been inconsistent overall and we saw that again. There is lots of potential. We have to see it now for the entirety."

After a slow start this game came to life on 35 minutes.

Yaser Asprilla's incredible pass found Hassane Kamara who crossed for Keinan Davis to score his first Hornets goal.

But Sunderland were level in first-half stoppage time in bizarre fashion.

Aji Alese netted his first goal for the club thanks to the aid of goal-line technology.

His scrambled shot was cleared off the



GOALDEN BOYS:
Bennette enjoys his late
leveller after Davis (right)
posted the opening

By Ian Baker
AT VICARAGE ROAD

line by Hamza Choudhury but ref John Busby's watch beeped, with replays suggesting it was marginally over.

Watford started the second-half brightly but were lucky to take the lead on 63 minutes as Luke O'Nien, an ex-Hornets trainee, inexplicably headed into his own net after William Troost-Ekong had nodded on Joao Pedro's free-kick.

But the hosts, without the injured Ismaila Sarr, faltered after that.

And after Jack Clarke had seen a goal disallowed for offside it was left to Costa Rica star Bennette, 18, to score his first goal

in English football with a neat finish from Patrick Roberts' classy 87th-minute cross.

Wearsiders boss Tony Mowbray, in his fourth game in charge, said: "Bennette is off to prepare for Costa Rica and the World Cup. He hardly speaks a word of English but comes in with a smile on his face."

"I think he is going to surprise a lot of people this season. He is one hell of a story. I want some of these lads to learn to speak English better."

WATFORD: Bachmann 6; Cathcart 7 (Kabasele (84) 5), Troost-Ekong 7, Hause 6, Kamara 7 (Bayo (74) 6); Pedro 7, Kayembe 6, Choudhury 6, Sema 7; Asprilla 8, Davis 7 (Gosling (81) 5)

SUNDERLAND: Patterson 6; O'Nien 5, Bath 6, Alese 7; Gooch 6; Neil 6 (Dayaku (73) 6), Evans 6 (Matete (79) 6), Clarke 7 (Bennette (73) 7), Roberts 7; Pritchard 6 (Ba (79) 6); Embleton 6 (Diallo (63) 6)

STAR MAN: Yaser Asprilla - Sensational pass to set up Watford's first.

REF: John Busby 7



FIRING BLANKS: Willock tries to break the deadlock

Neil doesn't have a Paal in ref Matt after penalty no-no

ALEX NEIL could not believe what he was seeing when Stoke appeals for a last-second penalty were waved away.

Even QPR boss Mick Beale admitted it was a heart in the mouth ending when Ben Wilmot appeared to have been bundled over by Kenneth Paal.

It ended up being a head in hands in disbelief moment for Potters boss Neil, who had seen his side finish strongly after being outplayed for much of the second half.

He said: "The game shouldn't be remembered for one incident because I thought we were good first half and they were better in the second half but it is a clear penalty."

"I have watched it back. I don't know what the referee has seen."

"It was clear as day."

"The kid just

runs across his path and puts his hands out and hits him."

"It is not one where there is a little bit of contact."

"He hits him and Ben goes over

because there was that much contact on his back leg."

Beale quipped that Neil must be sick of the final minute of games against the Hoops this season after keeper Seny Dieng scored a last-gasp equaliser in one of his final games as Sunderland boss.

Neil would have had his keeper Joe Bursik to thank if Stoke had given him some revenge by snatching a last-second winner.

The away side bossed large spells of the first half and had the ball in the net inside two minutes but Dwight Gayle was flagged offside as he turned in Wilmot's cross.

The former Newcastle striker then hit the top of the bar with a 20-yard free-kick and hooked



another shot narrowly wide before Bursik palmed out Stefan Johansen's 44th-minute left-foot strike from the edge of the box.

That was the prelude to three top-class second-half blocks.

First he scrambled across his line to keep out the unmarked Paal from a 48th-minute corner.

Then he pulled out a star jump to somehow catch Jimmy Dunne's point-blank header with the majority of the crowd waiting for the net to ripple.

Bursik saved the best for last, as he kept out Ethan Laird's fierce drive at the near post.

That paved the way for Aden Flint and Tyrese Campbell to almost snatch a late winner.

The former saw his header tipped over by Dieng with

sub Campbell

pushing his snapshot agonisingly wide of the goal.

A level-headed Beale said: "We really pushed in the second half and couldn't find the goal, and if we can't find it then I am pleased with the clean sheet."

"It was a game neither side was in control of."

"It would have been a glorious win if we had got the goal and a devastating defeat."

QPR: Dieng 6; Laird 7, Balogun 6, Dunne 6, Paal 6; Dozzell 6 (Dykes (46) 6), Field 7, Johansen 7 (Iroegbunam (78) 6); Chair 7, Roberts 6 (Adomah (78) 6), Willock 7

STOKE: Bursik 9; Taylor 7, Flint 8, Fox 7; Wilmot 7, L Baker 6, Smallbone 6, Thompson 7 (Laurent (75) 6); Delap 6 (Powell (67) 6), Gayle 6 (Campbell (67) 6); Fosu 7

STAR MAN: Joe Bursik - three huge second-half saves for the Potters to win his side a point.

REF: Matt Donohue 7



JOR BLIMEY: Jordan Rhodes celebrates his goal

All Rhodes lead to big future for new boss says Pelach

HUDDERSFIELD caretaker boss Narcis Pelach claims their new manager will inherit a side showing the fighting spirit needed to survive.

Huddersfield are searching for Danny Schofield's successor and Pelach was delighted by the Terriers' attitude as they recorded only their second league win of the season thanks to Jordan Rhodes' early strike.

"The new manager is going to come in and as a staff we have to prepare this team so when he comes in, the squad will be ready," he said.

"I think the club needed this win, not playing football, but by showing fight.

"This is what we did last season and we did something very nice.

"We were not the best today, but we were fighting for every action.

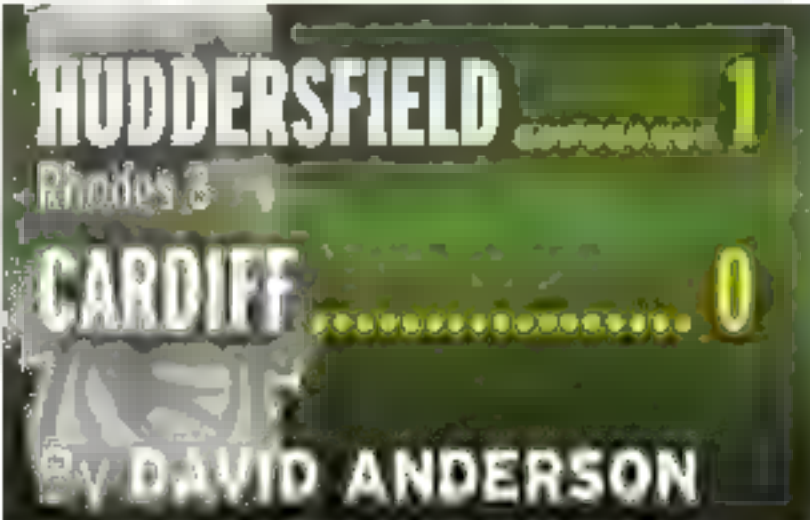
"This is what we need to do in training and in every game because the Championship is very demanding." Cardiff

boss Steve Morison backed Callum Robinson to bounce back from his missed penalty, which cost them a point at the John Smith's Stadium.

Robinson's spot-kick was saved by Lee Nicholls and Morison claimed they should have had a second penalty for Jack Rudoni's foul on Jaden Philogene, which was given as a free-kick on the edge of the box. "He'll be gutted, he'll feel a sense of responsibility, but I'm sure he will score many goals when he gets the opportunity," said Morison.

"The second one's a stonewall penalty. It's in the box by a yard.

"They couldn't tell so they gave the safe option of a foul on the edge of the box, but the lino is looking straight at it along the line."



Huddersfield showed all the qualities needed to climb the table and they played with grit and desire.

Rhodes led the line well and produced a clinical finish for his goal, while teenager Etienne Camara was dominant in midfield on his full league debut and Michal Helik was resolute at the back.

The winner came after just eight minutes when Tino Anjorin linked with Duane Holmes to feed Rhodes, who scored right-footed inside the near post for his third of the season.

The Terriers were on top and Holmes cut in from the right to hit a left-foot shot, which was

Hudd'field	Cardiff
4	2
4	4
0	1
1	3
10	6
6	3
3	0
0	0
56	78
21	17
57	35
33	67

Philogene, only for Robinson to miss his 21st-minute effort.

The Bluebirds kept up the pressure and Perry Ng fired a drive just over while Nicholls saved Callum O'Dowda's free-kick, which Morison felt should have been a penalty.

Huddersfield could have won by more and Rudoni dallied too long when through on goal allowing Cedric Kipre to get in a vital challenge.

HUDDERSFIELD: Nicholls 7; Turton 6, Lees 6, Helik 7, Nakayama 7; Kasumu 6, Camara 8, Holmes 6 (Thomas 79) 5, Anjorin 6 (Ward 45) 6, Rudoni 5 (Jones 57) 6; Rhodes 7 (Mbete 90) 5
CARDIFF: Allsop 6; Ng 6 (Sang 82) 5, Kipre 7, Simpson 6; Romeo 6 (Colwill 70) 5, Wintle 6, Rinomhota 5 (Ojo 90) 5, O'Dowda 6, Nkounkou 5 (Harris 45) 6; Robinson 4, Philogene 6 (Sawyers 45) 6
STAR MAN: Etienne Camara - the young Frenchman impressed in midfield on his full Terriers league debut.
REF: Dean Whitestone 7



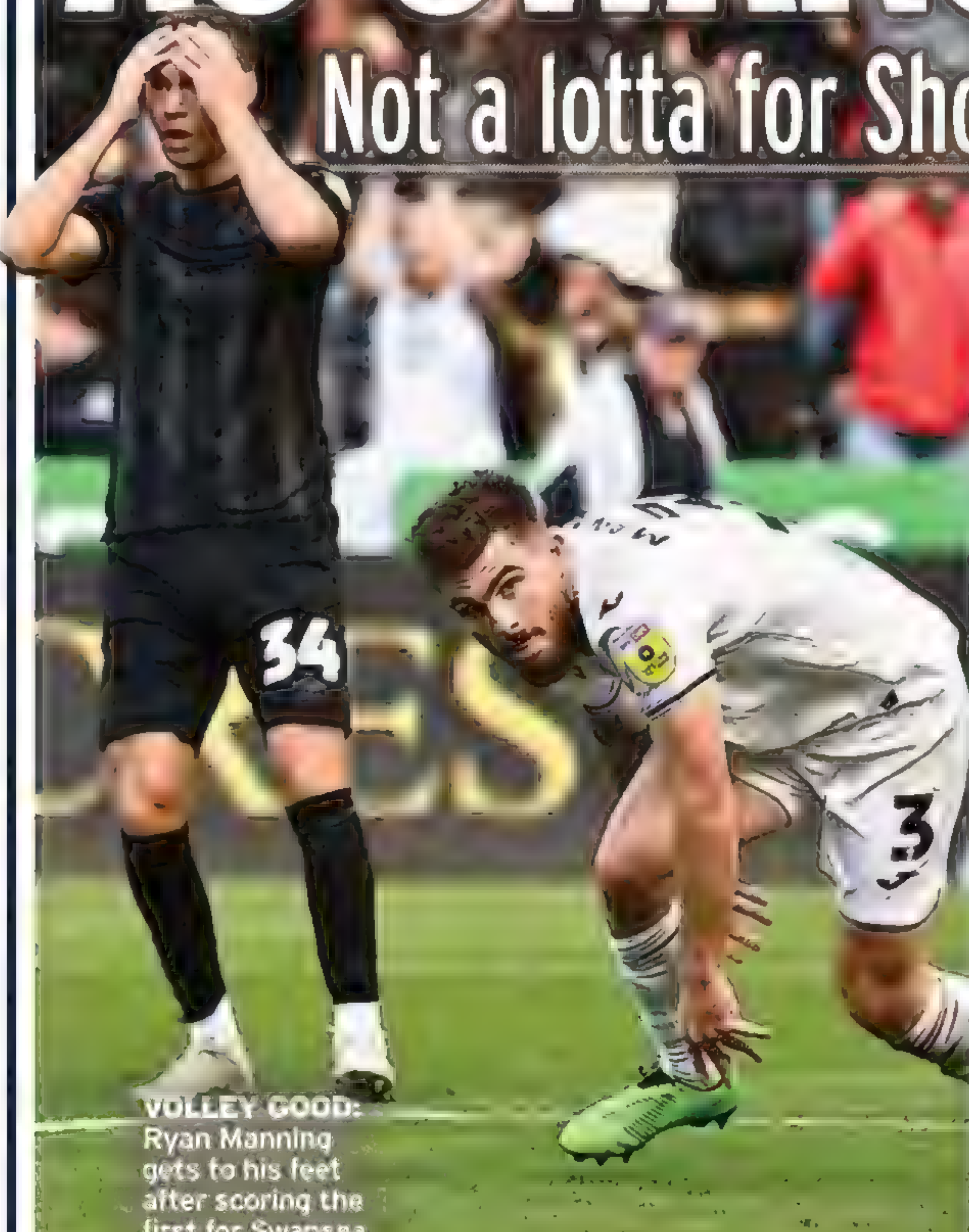
SWANSEA.....3 HULL.....0

MANNING 61, CUNDLE 64, PIROE 85



RYAN MANS UP AS SWANS SOAR

Not a lotta for Shota to smile about



VOLLEY GOOD: Ryan Manning gets to his feet after scoring the first for Swansea

MATCH STATS	
Swansea	Hull
5	1
5	4
7	1
5	3
6	7
2	2
1	3
0	0
91	83
13	11
54	64
60	40



SOMETIMES a manager just needs a lucky break, so Russell Martin will forever be grateful to the fixture computer that brought Hull south for a lunchtime start.

The paper Tigers had lost three on the bounce by an aggregate score of 8-1 and so their folding in the final half hour was as predictable as a soggy cardboard box collapsing in the rain.

Ryan Manning inflicted the first rip with a well-struck volley, before a comedy goal for Luke Cundle three minutes later.

The third for Joel Piroe was another farcical concession - especially for Hull boss Shota Arveladze - who is surely heading for a final deadly punchline from owner Acun Illici.

It could not have been very funny, either, for the small knot of Hull fans, whose seven-hour trip to west Wales deserved better.

"I haven't spoken to the owner, but the boys are very, very down," said Arveladze.

"We are on a bad run and we aren't in form. I feel under pressure. I will talk to

By Graham Thomas

AT THE SWANSEA.COM STADIUM

myself about the situation, but on this form it is no surprise at all.

"It is about what we can change. Whatever course is taken, it is going to be what is best for the club that matters."

Georgian Arveladze could well find the change involves a different manager in charge for their next game against Luton after the international break.

Hull's performance was so poor that even Swansea - who give away late goals themselves - could not hand any over.

Their form remains patchy, but they have now lost only once in four games and have two wins in their last three.

Joe Allen is likely to miss Wales' final two matches before the World Cup in Qatar after picking up a fresh hamstring issue.

The midfielder, 32, came off in the 30th minute and looks set to miss out on the Nations League clashes with Belgium and Poland. "It's his hamstring, but it's not the

one he has done before, that's why there's not a huge amount of concern at the minute," said Swans boss Martin.

"Joe doesn't feel it's a bad one. I think he has a good understanding of his own body and he is hopeful he came off as more of a precaution.

"He is a really important player for us and for Wales."

Martin praised his team and added: "They were relentless and I'm really proud of them. Being picky, we should score more."

Manning scored before Hull keeper Nathan Baxter tripped his own defender Tobias Figueiredo to hand Cundle a tapin.

Figueiredo then passed straight to Piroe who made it 3-0.

SWANSEA: Benda 7; Wood 6, Naughton 7, Cabango 6; Sorinola 6 (Stevens 90) 6, Allen 6 (Cundle 31) 7, Grimes 6, Manning 7; Fulton 6, O Cooper 7 (Oko-Flex 90) 6; Piroe 6 (Obafemi 88) 6
HULL: Baxter 5; Coyle 6, Figueiredo 5, Greaves 6, Elder 6; Tufan 6, Seri 6 (Woods 75) 5, Slater 5 (Longman 67) 6; Vale 6, Pelkas 5 (Docherty 75) 6, Estupinan 5 (Christie 82) 6
STAR MAN: Ollie Cooper - Bright young talent who provides pace and buzzing energy to Swansea midfield.
REFEREE: Keith Stroud 7

MAN UTD..4 READING..0

LE TISSIER 4, 25, ZELEM 14 (P), RUSSO 35



GIRL POWER: Russo (second right) celebrates with team-mates

Top Marc

SKINNER'S SIDE FOUR-MIDABLE

MANCHESTER UNITED showed off their WSL title credentials with a 4-0 win against Reading yesterday.

Marc Skinner's side comfortably won their opening home game of the season thanks to goals from captain Katie Zelem, Alessia Russo and a double from new signing Maya Le Tissier.

It was a momentous occasion for United, as they broke their attendance record at Leigh Sports Village by selling more than 7,200 tickets.

Many of those fans came to watch several Lionesses in action, with Mary Earps, Ella Toone and Russo all starting for the hosts.

United needed just four minutes to break the deadlock when Le Tissier, who is not related to ex-Southampton star Matt, scored from Zelem's corner.

It was a cheeky finish, too, as the defender, 20, flicked the ball over goalkeeper Grace Moloney.

Zelem got the chance to double United's lead moments later when

By Tom Blow

AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE

Moloney brought Russo down in the box. The skipper stepped up and confidently dispatched the penalty.

It was a lovely moment for Zelem, who was making her 100th appearance for United.

Zelem and Le Tissier were at it again in the 25th minute, as the captain's corner found the new recruit in the box. Le Tissier headed in to make it 3-0.

Russo all but ended the contest ten minutes before the break when she made it 4-0.

It was a trademark goal as she towered over her marker to nod in Ona Batlle's cross.

The game quietened down after half-time, with chances coming few and far between.

England star Nikita Parris was introduced late on following her move from Arsenal to United.

Hayes focus is on winning with new-look Blues squad

EMMA HAYES wants Chelsea to get even better ahead of the start of their Women's Super League title defence.

Chelsea were due to start their season against West Ham at Stamford Bridge last weekend.

But with the opening-day programme postponed following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, the Blues will now kick-off at promoted Liverpool today.

"I just want to get better,

TODAY'S WSL GAMES

I'm not focused on winning," boss Hayes said.

"I want to make sure training is top class and that the starters I select perform at the levels we demand in this environment."

Five internationals - Kadeisha Buchanan, Jelena Cankovic, Eve Perisset, Johanna Rytting Kaneryd and Katerina Svitekova -

have arrived since last season when Chelsea completed a league and FA Cup double.

Hayes said: "It's nice always to see top players coming into our league and every single one of them has settled."

"It's not a European championship where you've got to play maybe six games, those players have got to play 44 games minimally."

Liverpool won last

season's FA Women's Championship by an 11-point margin, and former Chelsea boss Matt Beard says his players are excited by the Prenton Park clash with the champions and the campaign ahead.

Beard said: "We feel we are equipped and we can compete in this division."

"Chelsea are a fantastic team. But we will be setting up to try to get something out of the game."

"I'm confident we can give a good account of ourselves."

Today's Games: Aston Villa v Man City (12.30), Leicester v Tottenham (3pm), West Ham v Everton (3pm), Liverpool v Chelsea (5pm).

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Mellon's level head

Salford 0 Tranmere 1

MICKY MELLON insists his young Tranmere team will reach a "different level" when they add consistency to the energy and enthusiasm that earned a deserved victory.

Josh Hawkes scored the only goal after 34 minutes to inflict a first home defeat of the League Two campaign on Salford. "We put together a gameplan but it is up to the players to execute it and they did that fantastically well," said Mellon, whose side won away from Prenton Park for the first time this term.

"They were excellent from the first minute... it was a real

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HAWK-HIGH: Hawkins celebrates

team performance and we could have scored more goals.

"It is a very young side with bags of energy and enthusiasm, now it needs to become consistent." Salford rarely threatened and quickly ran out of ideas following a bright start. Head coach Neil Wood

acknowledged his team's performance was a long way below par. "We were too sloppy, with too many players off their games," he Wood.

"The passing wasn't great and the end product wasn't good enough. The standard and quality needs to be better."

MARK HUGHES feels Bradford hotshot Andy Cook is not getting enough support from referees. Cook reached 11 goals for the season with a brace against Stevenage, with Tyreik Wright also notching.

Boss Hughes said: "I'm jumping up and down on the sidelines. I've been there before as a striker when you feel you're not getting enough from the officials to allow you to play. The way the game is

Bradford 3 Stevenage 0

refereed at the moment, a lot more challenges are going unpunished and that's not helping good players."

Boro manager Steve Evans said: "Diehard Bradford fans will say this is deserved but it wasn't. If I come out and say we were the better side for long spells then I'll probably get put in a straitjacket and taken away in a wee white van."

Carlisle 2 AFC Wimbledon 1

CARLISLE'S grit impressed manager Paul Simpson as they beat AFC Wimbledon.

Callum Guy and Kristian Dennis got the goals which won it for the hosts, either side of Ayoud Assal's leveller.

Simpson said: "I accept it wasn't the best game of football, but we battled, scrapped."

Wimbledon boss Johnnie Jackson said: "I thought we deserved more from the game."

what Clifton should do; I wasn't sure if he'd seen it but, he executed it really well."

Colchester boss Wayne Brown said: "All defeats are disappointing, this especially."

GRIMSBY boss Paul Hurst liked the way Ryan Taylor and Harry Clifton teamed up for the goal which sealed a win at Colchester. Clifton lobbed the winner following Taylor's pass

Colchester 0 Grimsby 1

and Hurst said: "It was a moment of quality, the ball and then a very composed finish. It was obvious from the sidelines

Crewe 1 Crawley 0

ALEX MORRIS is happy with Crewe's progress. Courtney Baker-Richardson netted the winner and Morris said: "It has been an okay start." Crawley boss Kevin Betsy said: "I was very disappointed with the result as we were excellent."

D'caster 0 Swindon 1

SCOTT LINDSEY hailed the attitude of Jacob Wakeling and his Swindon side after the youngster scored the only goal. "He's been outstanding," Lindsey said. Doncaster boss Gary McSheffrey admitted: "It's a sticky period we need to get through."

Gill'ham 0 Mansfield 2

NIGEL CLOUGH said Mansfield's win at Gillingham was their "best away game as we've had for some time". After Lukas Akins and George Lapslie had scored, Gillingham manager Neil Harris said: "There's so much work we have to do."

RICHIE WELLENS is confident Leyton Orient still have room for improvement after beating Walsall.

Omar Beckles' second-half goal stretched Orient's lead at the top to four points to make it eight wins from nine games. Wellens said: "At times in the first half we struggled. Teams will change the way they play when they come

PETE WILD celebrated his new contract by seeing Barrow win at Newport. Josh Gordon scored twice, the second a penalty, and Wild said: "On the bus drive down, you'd have thought we were going on a stag do because of the

JIM BENTLEY admitted he saw worrying "frailties" in his Rochdale team as they crumbled to defeat at Northampton.

Despite a bright start, Dale were well-beaten as Sam Hoskins scored twice to add to Jon Guthrie's stunner.

"We've been in the building for three weeks and I've heaped praise on the players, we played

L Orient 1 Walsall 0

here now so we have to be a little bit better but we were patient."

Walsall manager Michael Flynn reflected on a crucial moment, saying: "We let a runner go and that was the only moment in the game when we switched off."

"That was really the only time in the game they cut us open."

Newport 0 Barrow 2

camaraderie and the unity in the group."

Newport's James Rowberry said: "You can talk about tactics and formations, but you can't legislate for individual errors. It's a massive frustration."

N'hampton 3 R'dale 0

the team at the top of the table in midweek and ran them close," Bentley said. "But I've seen some frailties that is not a reflection of how we've worked and how we want to work moving forward."

Northampton boss Jon Brady said: "It wasn't one of our better games all over, but fair credit to Rochdale."

Stockport 0 H'gate 0

DAVE CHALLINOR felt Stockport and Harrogate appeared low on confidence in their goalless draw.

"It seemed that as the game went on, it turned into a match between two teams bereft of a bit of confidence," said Challinor.

Harrogate boss Simon Weaver was more positive, claiming: "We've shown that we're continuing to grow."

Sutton 2 H'pool 0

MATT GRAY hailed Sutton's "dominant" second-half performance.

Goals from Will Randall and Harry Beautyman secured the U's a fourth successive home league win. The boss said: "It could have been three or four more. It was a great performance."

Pools manager Paul Hartley said: "People have got to perform better."

EUROPEAN RESULTS

SPAIN - Athletic Bilbao L, Rayo Vallecano L; Barcelona 3, Elche 0; Mallorca 1, Almeria 0; Valencia L, Celta Vigo L. **TODAY** - Atletico Madrid v Real Madrid; Osasuna v Getafe; Real Betis v Girona; Real Sociedad v Espanyol; Villarreal v Sevilla.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barcelona	6	5	1	0	18	1	16
Real Madrid	5	5	0	0	15	5	15
Real Betis	5	4	0	1	8	3	12
Osasuna	5	4	0	1	7	3	12
Villarreal	5	3	1	1	9	1	10
Ath Bilbao	5	3	1	1	9	2	10
At Madrid	5	3	1	1	9	4	10
Mallorca	6	2	2	2	6	7	8
Girona	5	2	1	2	6	5	7
Vallecano	5	2	1	2	5	5	7
Celta Vigo	5	2	1	2	8	10	7
Sociedad	5	2	1	2	5	7	7
Valencia	5	2	0	3	7	5	6
Almeria	6	1	1	4	4	7	4
Espanyol	5	1	1	3	6	10	4
Sevilla	5	1	1	3	6	10	4
Getafe	5	1	1	3	4	12	4
Real Valladolid	6	1	1	4	3	11	4
Cadix	6	1	0	5	1	14	3
Elche	6	0	1	5	2	16	1

ITALY - Bologna 0, Empoli 1; Spezia 2, Sampdoria 1; Torino L, Sassuolo L. **TODAY** - AC Milan v Napoli; Cremonese v Lazio; Fiorentina v Verona; Monza v Juventus; Roma v Atalanta; Udinese v Inter Milan.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Napoli	6	4	2	0	13	4	14
Atalanta	6	4	2	0	10	3	14
AC Milan	6	4	2	0	12	6	14
Udinese	6	4	1	1	12	6	13
AS Roma	6	4	1	1	8	6	13
Inter Milan	6	4	0	2	12	8	12
Lazio	6	3	2	1	9	5	11
Juventus	6	2	4	0	9	4	10
Torino	6	3	1	2	6	6	10
Spezia	7	2	2	3	7	11	8
Salernitana	7	1	4	2	10	8	7
Empoli	7	1	4	2	6	7	7
Fiorentina	6	1	3	2	5	6	6
Sassuolo	6	1	3	2	4	8	6
Lecce	7	1	3	3	6	8	6
Bologna	7	1	3	3	7	10	6
Verona	6	1	2	3	6	11	5
Cremonese	6	0	2	4	5	10	2
Sampdoria	7	0	2	5	4	13	2
Monza	6	0	1	5	3	14	1

FRANCE - Lille L, Toulouse L; Montpellier 2, Strasbourg 1. **TODAY** - Brest v AC Ajaccio; Clermont Foot v Troyes; Lyon v PSG; Marseille v Rennes; Nantes v Lens; Nice v Angers; Reims v Monaco.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSG	7	6	1	0	25	4	19
Marseille	7	6	1	0	15	4	19
Lorient	8	6	1	1	17	12	19
Lens	7	5	2	0	16	7	17
Lyon	7	4	1	2	16	9	13
Montpellier	8	4	0	4	19	15	12
Rennes	7	3	2	2	13	7	11
Monaco	7	3	2	2	10	12	11
Lille	7	3	1	3	14	15	10
Clermont Foot	7	3	1	3	8	10	10
Toulouse	7	2	2	3	8	11	8
Nice	7	2	2	3	5	8	8
Troyes	7	2	1	4	11	15	7
Auxerre	8	2	1	5	8	19	7
Nantes	7	1	3	3	8	11	6
Reims	7	1	3	3	10	14	6
Strasbourg	8	0	5	3	6	9	5
Brest	7	1	2	4	8	17	5
Angers	7	1	2	4	8	18	5
AC Ajaccio	7	0	1	6	3	11	1



ON TARGET: Lewandowski

GERMANY - Augsburg 1, Bayern Munich 0; Bayer Leverkusen 1, Werder Bremen 1; Borussia Dortmund 1, Schalke 04 0; Borussia M'gladbach 3, RB Leipzig 0; Stuttgart 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 3. **TODAY** - Hoffenheim v Freiburg; Union Berlin v Wolfsburg; VfL Bochum v Cologne.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
B Dortmund	7	5	0	2	9	7	15
Union Berlin	6	4	2	0	13	4	14
Freiburg	6	4	1	1	10	5	13
Bayern Munich	7	3	3	1	19	6	12
Hoffenheim	6	4	0	2	12	7	12
B M'gladbach	7	3	3	1	10	5	12
Ein Frankfurt	7	3	2	2	14	13	11
Mainz	7	3	2	2	7	10	11
Cologne	6	2	3	1	10	7	9
W Bremen	7	2	3	2	13	12	9
Augsburg	7	3	0	4	5	10	9
RB Leipzig	7	2	2	3	9	12	8
Hertha Berlin	7	1	3	3	7	9	6
Schalke 04	7	1	3	3	8	14	6
B Leverkusen	7	1	2	4	9	12	5
Stuttgart	7	0	5	2	7	10	5
VfL Wolfsburg	6	1	2	3	5	10	5
VfL Bochum	6	0	0	6	4	18	0

HOLLAND - Fortuna Sittard L, Excelsior L; RKC L, Cambuur L; Sparta 2, Groningen 1; Vitesse L, Volendam L. **TODAY** - AZ v Ajax; Go Ahead Eagles v Emmen; Heerenveen v Twente; PSV v Feyenoord.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax	6	6	0	0	21	3	18
Feyenoord	6	5	1	0	17	5	16
PSV Eindhoven	6	5	0	1	24	7	15
AZ Alkmaar	6	4	2	0	11	4	14
Twente	6	4	1	1	11	3	13
Sparta Rotterdam	7	3	1	3	9	8	10
Heerenveen	6	2	3	1	6	6	9
Excelsior	6	3	0	3	10	17	9
Utrecht	7	2	3	2	9	10	9
NEC Nijmegen	7	1	5	1	7	5	8
Groningen	7	2	2	3	7	12	8
RKC Waalwijk	6	1	3	2	10	9	6
Cambuur	6	1	1	4	4	9	4
Vitesse	6	1	1	4	6	15	4
Emmen	6	1	1	4	6	16	4
Volendam	6	1	1	4	7	20	4
Go Ahead Eagles	6	1	0	5	8	15	3
Fortuna Sittard	6	0	1	5	8	17	1

Bayern stunned by Berisha's winner

BAYERN MUNICH slipped to a surprise first defeat of the season at Augsburg.

Mergim Berisha (below) scored the winner - the 1-0 loss meaning Bayern have now failed to earn a victory in their last four matches in the German top flight.

Borussia Dortmund went top following yesterday's 1-0 win over local rivals Schalke. Youssoufa Moukoko, 17,

headed the winner for Edin Terzic's side to become the youngest player to have scored in the fixture. The win was marred by a nasty-looking injury to captain Marco Reus.

The German, who was called up for the Nations League match against England, turned his ankle and was carried off. In La

EURO ROUND-UP

Liga, Barcelona cruised to an impressive 3-0 win over 10-man Elche.

Barcelona's task against the league's bottom side was made easier when defender Gonzalo Verdu was sent off in the 14th minute for pulling Robert Lewandowski's shirt as he bore down on goal.

And he was soon scoring for the fifth consecutive league game. Memphis Depay scored a fine goal to double

Barcelona's lead in the 41st minute before Lewandowski grabbed his second.

The victory took Barca top although Real Madrid can return to the summit if they win away at rivals Atletico Madrid tonight.



Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Man City	7	5	2	0	23	6	17	17
Tottenham	7	5	2	0	18	7	11	17
Arsenal	6	5	0	1	14	7	7	15
Brighton	6	4	1	1	11	5	6	13
Man Utd	6	4	0	2	8	8	0	12
Fulham	7	3	2	2	12	11	1	11
Chelsea	6	3	1	2	8	9	-1	10
Liverpool	6	2	3	1	15	6	9	9
Brentford	6	2	3	1	15	9	6	9
Newcastle	7	1	5	1	8	7	1	8
Leeds Utd	6	2	2	2	10	10	0	8
Bournemouth	7	2	2	3	6	19	-13	8
Southampton	7	2	1	4	7	11	-4	7
Aston Villa	7	2	1	4	6	10	-4	7
Crystal Palace	6	1	3	2	7	9	-2	6
Wolves	7	1	3	3	3	7	-4	6
Everton	6	0	4	2	4	6	-2	4
West Ham	6	1	1	4	3	8	-5	4
Nott'm Forest	7	1	1	5	6	17	-11	4
Leicester	7	0	1	6	10	22	-12	1

NEWCASTLE 1 BOURNEMOUTH 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Sheff Utd	10	7	2	1	19	5	14	23
Norwich	10	6	2	2	16	9	7	20
Reading	10	6	0	4	10	14	-4	18
Burnley	10	4	5	1	17	10	7	17
Sunderland	10	4	3	3	16	11	5	15
QPR	10	4	3	3	14	11	3	15
Blackburn	10	5	0	5	11	13	-2	15
Bristol City	10	4	2	4	19	16	3	14
Watford	10	3	5	2	11	10	0	14
Rotherham	8	3	4	1	12	6	6	13
Luton	10	3	4	3	11	10	1	13
Wigan	9	3	4	2	9	11	-2	13
Millwall	10	4	1	5	11	14	-3	13
Stoke	10	3	3	4	11	11	0	12
Preston	10	2	6	2	3	4	-1	12
Swansea	10	3	3	4	10	12	-2	12
Birmingham	10	3	3	4	8	10	-2	12
Cardiff	10	3	2	5	7	11	-4	11
Blackpool	10	3	2	5	10	15	-5	11
Hull	10	3	2	5	11	21	-10	11
West Brom	10	1	7	2	15	14	1	10
Middlesbrough	9	2	3	4	13	15	-2	9
Huddersfield	9	2	1	6	9	13	-4	7
Coventry	7	0	3	4	7	13	-6	3

BIRMINGHAM 0 COVENTRY 0
HT: 0-0 Att: 16,633

BURNLEY 2 BRISTOL CITY 1
Benson 4
Rodriguez 67
HT: 1-1 Wells 27

HUDDERSFIELD 1 CARDIFF 0
Rhodes 8
HT: 1-0 Att: 19,193

LUTON 2 BLACKBURN 0
Morris 58
Burke 67
HT: 0-0 Att: 9,839

MIDDLESBRO L ROTHERHAM L
HT: 1-1

MILLWALL 2 BLACKPOOL 1
Grimshaw 14 (og)
Afobe 63
HT: 1-1 Att: 11,463

NORWICH 1 WEST BROM 1
Byram 68
HT: 0-1 Att: 26,303

PRESTON 0 SHEFF UTD 2
Ndiaye 40
McBurnie 75
HT: 0-1 Att: 18,412

QPR 0 STOKE 0
HT: 0-0 Att: 14,174

SWANSEA 3 HULL 0
Manning 61, Cundle 64
Piroe 85
HT: 0-0 Att: 15,207

WATFORD 2 SUNDERLAND 2
Davis 34
O'Nien 62 (og)
HT: 1-1 Att: 19,767

WIGAN 0 READING 1
Ince 63
HT: 0-0 Att: 10,113

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Ipswich	9	6	3	0	18	6	12	21
Portsmouth	9	6	3	0	19	8	11	21
Plymouth	9	6	1	2	16	11	5	19
Sheff Wed	9	5	2	2	17	9	8	17
Bolton	9	5	2	2	11	6	5	17
Barnsley	9	4	2	3	13	9	4	14
Derby	9	4	2	3	9	9	0	14
Lincoln City	9	3	4	2	14	14	0	13
Peterborough	9	4	1	4	12	15	-3	13
Fleetwood	9	4	0	5	14	10	4	12
Shrewsbury	9	3	3	3	9	8	1	12
Port Vale	9	3	3	3	10	12	-2	12
Charlton	9	2	5	2	13	11	2	11
Exeter	9	3	2	4	12	10	2	11
Wycombe	9	3	2	4	12	12	0	11
Accrington	9	2	4	3	10	12	-2	10
MK Dons	9	3	1	5	9	11	-2	10
Oxford Utd	9	3	1	5	8	10	-2	10
Cheltenham	9	2	2	5	8	12	-4	8
Bristol Rovers	9	2	2	5	13	19	-6	8
Forest Green	9	2	2	5	8	18	-10	8
Morecambe	9	1	4	4	6	16	-10	7
Burton Albion	9	1	1	7	10	22	-12	4

ACCRINGTON 1 CHELTENHAM 0
McConville 1
HT: 1-0 Att: 1,996

BOLTON 1 PETERBORO 0
Afolayan 86
HT: 0-0 Att: 17,016

BRISTOL R 3 LINCOLN CITY 6
Collins 18, 65
Loft 60
HT: 1-3
House 7, 61
Diamond 14 (pen), 45, 56
Virtue 51

CAMBRIDGE 0 BARNLEY 3
Cole 24
Cundy 76
Norwood 90
HT: 0-1 Att: 6,138

DERBY 2 WYCOMBE 1
Hourihane 72, 86
HT: 0-1 Mehmeti 15

EXETER 0 BURTON A 2
Oshilaja 63
Keillor-Dunn 69
HT: 0-0

FLEETWOOD 1 CHARLTON 1
Morton 30
HT: 1-0 Att: 3,614

FOREST GN 1 MORECAMBE 2
Wickham 30
HT: 1-1 Att: 2,601

OXFORD UTD 1 MK DONS 2
Mousinho 89
HT: 0-1 Att: 8,141

PORT VALE 2 SHREWSBURY 1
Harrison 9, 90
HT: 1-1 Att: 7,403

PORTSMOUTH 2 PLYMOUTH 2
Koroma 41
Hackett-Fairchild 90
HT: 1-0 Att: 19,009

SHEFF WED 2 IPSWICH 2
Byers 75
Smith 89
HT: 0-1 Att: 26,281

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Leyton Orient	9	8	1	0	16	4	12	25
Barrow	9	7	0	2	15	9	6	21
Northampton	9	6	2	1	19	10	9	20
Stevenage	9	6	1	2	11	9	2	19
Bradford	9	5	2	2	14	7	7	17
Salford City	9	5	2	2	13	7	6	17
Mansfield	9	5	1	3	14	9	5	16
Grimsby	8	4	3	1	8	5	3	15
Crewe	9	4	3	2	11	9	2	15
Sutton Utd	9	4	2	3	11	9	2	14
Swindon	9	3	5	1	10	8	2	14
Doncaster	9	4	2	3	10	11	-1	14
Carlisle	8	3	4	1	10	8	2	13
Tranmere	9	3	1	5	9	9	0	10
Walsall	9	2	3	4	10	9	1	9
Stockport	9	2	2	5	10	13	-3	8
AFC Wimbledon	9	2	2	5	9	13	-4	8
Harrogate Town	9	2	2	5	6	11	-5	8
Newport	9	2	1	6	9	13	-4	7
Crawley Tn	9	1	3	5	8	13	-5	6
Colchester	9	1	3	5	7	13	-6	6
Gillingham	9	1	3	5	2	11	-9	6
Hartlepool	9	0	4	5	6	17	-11	4
Rochdale	9	0	2	7	5	16	-11	2

BRADFORD 3 STEVENAGE 0
Cook 6, 56
Wright 62
HT: 1-0 Att: 16,917

CARLISLE 2 AFC W'DON 1
Guy 45
Dennis 81
HT: 1-0 Att: 5,038

COLCHESTER 0 GRIMSBY 1
HT: 0-0 Att: 3,167

CREWE 1 CRAWLEY TN 0
Baker-Richardson 73
HT: 0-0 Att: 3,717

DONCASTER 0 SWINDON 1
HT: 0-0 Wakeling 60

GILLINGHAM 0 MANSFIELD 2
HT: 0-2
Akins 17
Lapslie 34

L ORIENT 1 WALSALL 0
Beckles 58
HT: 0-0 Att: 6,736

NEWPORT CO 0 BARROW 2
HT: 0-1 Att: 3,793

NORTHAMPTON 3 ROCHDALE 0
Guthrie 42
Hoskins 73, 81
HT: 1-0 Att: 4,691

SALFORD CITY 0 TRANMERE 1
HT: 0-1 Hawkes 34

STOCKPORT CO 0 HARROGATE 0
HT: 0-0 Att: 7,863

SUTTON UTD 2 HARTLEPOOL 0
Randall 53
Beautymann 66
HT: 0-0 Att: 2,766

1-2X CHECK	FULL TIME	POOLS NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
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VANARAMA NATIONAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chesterfield	9	6	3	0	19	10	21
Wrexham	9	6	2	1	23	8	20
Solihull M	9	5	3	1	23	10	18
Notts Cnty	9	5	3	1	21	9	18
Boreham W	9	5	3	1	14	7	18
Wealdstone	9	4	4	1	10	7	16
Bromley	9	5	1	3	12	10	16
York	9	4	3	2	10	7	15
Barnet	9	4	2	3	14	12	14
Woking	9	4	1	4	13	10	13
Dorking W	9	4	1	4	15	21	13
Eastleigh	9	3	2	4	11	13	11
Dag & Red	9	3	2	4	13	17	11
Oldham	9	3	2	4	10	14	11
Maidstone Utd	9	3	2	4	11	20	11
Weymouth	9	3	1	5	7	11	10
Southend	9	2	3	4	8	9	9
Yeovil	9	1	5	3	9	11	8
FC Halifax	8	2	2	4	6	9	8
Torquay	9	2	2	5	6	12	8
Gateshead	9	1	4	4	12	15	7
Aldershot	8	2	0	6	8	15	6
Scunthorpe	9	1	2	6	10	18	5
Altrincham	9	0	5	4	9	19	5

VANARAMA NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
King's Lynn Tn	8	6	2	0	18	8	20
Scarborough A	8	5	2	1	15	10	17
AFC Fylde	8	5	1	2	15	9	16
Leamington	8	4	3	1	9	3	15
Darlington	8	4	2	2	13	9	14
Kidderminster	8	4	2	2	9	5	14
Peterborough S	8	4	1	3	16	12	13
Brackley	8	4	1	3	8	8	13
Gloucester	8	4	0	4	12	11	12
Curzon Ashton	8	3	2	3	9	7	11
Chester FC	8	3	2	3	12	11	11
Spennymoor Tn	8	2	5	1	8	9	11
Alfreton Tn	8	2	4	2	12	9	10
Chorley	8	2	4	2	10	7	10
Hereford FC	8	2	2	4	10	13	8
Blyth Sp	8	2	2	4	7	12	8
Buxton	8	1	4	3	7	12	7
Southport	8	2	1	5	7	15	7
Kettering	8	1	3	4	8	11	6
Boston Utd	8	1	3	4	11	16	6
Farsley Celtic	8	1	3	4	8	13	6
AFC Telford	8	1	3	4	4	14	6
Bradford P A	8	0	3	5	4	10	3

VANARAMA SOUTH

	P	W	D	L
Ebbwfleet	8	8	0	0
Havant & W	8	7	1	0
Worthing	8	5	3	0
Chelmsford	8	5	2	1
Welling	8	5	1	2
Bath City	8	5	1	2
Brantree Tn	8	4	1	3
Tonbridge A	8	4	1	3
Slough	8	4	1	3
Dartford	8	4	0	4
Oxford City	8	4	0	4
Taunton Town	8	3	2	3
Chippenham	8	3	2	3
Eastbourne B	8	3	1	4
St Albans	7	2	3	2
Hamp & Rich	8	2	2	4
Hemel H	8	2	2	4
Farnborough	8	2	1	5
Dover	8	2	1	5
Concord Rgs	7	2	1	4
Hungerford Tn	8	1	2	5
Dulwich	8	1	2	5
Cheymont	8	1	0	7
Weymouth	8	0	2	6

Portsmouth 2 Plymouth 2

DANNY COWLEY called for goal-line technology in League One. Portsmouth needed a stoppage-time Reeco Hackett equaliser to draw with 10-man Plymouth.

But Cowley felt his side were denied a clear goal earlier when the referee ruled Sean Raggett's effort was cleared off the line.

"It is about two yards over the line," said the Portsmouth boss. "I think to help the officials we should have goal-line technology. It is the 21st century."

Josh Koroma gave Portsmouth the lead but Raggett's own goal and a Niall Ennis strike turned the game on its head. But seconds after Brendan Galloway was dismissed, Hackett levelled.

Plymouth boss Steven Schumacher said: "We are gutted not to come away with three points."

Sheff Weds 2 Ipswich 2

DARREN MOORE praised Sheffield Wednesday's character after their late fightback. Leaders Ipswich led 2-0 thanks to Kayden Jackson's early strike and a Dominic Iorfa own goal. But late goals from George Byers and Michael Smith earned Moore's men a point.

The Wednesday boss said: "Being two down was not ideal, but the pleasing thing for me was the character of the boys. I'm so proud of them. We kept on going and we felt that the momentum was with us to perhaps get a winning goal."

"In the end, it was a point shared and I'm pleased for everyone at the football club."

Ipswich manager Kieran McKenna said: "One of the overriding emotions at the moment is disappointment because at 2-0 it was such a good performance."

"We executed the game-plan so well and did almost everything that we wanted to do and from there you feel that you deserve and want to go on and win it. We have to learn from it and I'm sure we will because the boys are getting better."

Cambridge Utd 0 Barnsley 3

MICHAEL DUFF still feels his Barnsley side should be better despite easing to victory with 10 men. The visitors had Liam Kitching sent off at 1-0 up, having also lost keeper Brad Collins to injury. But Robbie Cundy and James Norwood scored to seal the points after Devante Cole's opener.

"We aren't going to get carried away with ourselves because I don't think we were brilliant," Duff said.

"The best thing that has happened to us was Kitch getting sent off. From that moment onwards I think we controlled the game."

Cambridge boss Mark Bonner said: "From the second goal, which came quickly after the red card, the game was fairly comfortable for them. We didn't play with the thrust that we had been playing with."



BRISTOL R.....3 LINCOLN.....6

COLLINS 18, 65, LOFT 59

HOUSE 7, 61, DIAMOND 14 (PEN), 45, 56, VIRTUE 51

DIAMOND DAY



THE JACK OF DIAMONDS: Diamond scores Lincoln's fifth

A HAT-TRICK from on-loan Sunderland winger Jack Diamond ultimately proved to be the difference between Lincoln and Bristol Rovers.

Striker Ben House, with a brace, and Matty Virtue also got on to the scoresheet for the Imps, however, Rovers boss Joey Barton insisted he was proud of his players despite their humbling defeat.

Rovers striker Aaron Collins took his tally of goals this season to six with two smartly taken goals while Ryan Loft's strike raised hopes of a miraculous comeback but there was no stopping the visitors.

Barton said: "It was tough and tricky to take. We've lost three points but I am proud of the players for the way they applied themselves, the way they kept taking the game to them, getting on the ball, and the way we kept going which was brave."

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And I'll take responsibility for the shape we played and the fact we were so porous. We tried to play a really aggressive system, taking the game to them but it didn't go to plan."

Barton, whose side are now in the relegation zone, added: "It was tough to take but you come in at half-time and you don't know how you are behind. There was a bit of a Keystone Cops-type of moment just before break when we kicked the ball at one of our own and that put one of their lads through to score."

"You have games like these where your opponents can't believe their luck and this was one of those games."

"I believe if we had shown more care and composure we could have been going in at the break level or

ahead but it wasn't to be." Despite the emphatic nature of the win, Lincoln manager Mark Kennedy refused to lavish his players with praise after they moved to within touching distance of the play-off places.

"I've got mixed feelings because there were plenty of positives but too many negatives for my liking," the former Republic of Ireland international said.

"At times were looked unstoppable going forward, but there were aspects of our game that were unacceptable."

"We were sloppy at times and I've told the players that they've got great careers ahead of them but they've got cut out the silly mistakes."

"I don't want to sound too harsh but I know the team can do a lot better and some of the performances showed what potential we've got and it helps that Jack was brilliant because he gave us a vital edge."

Fleetwood 1 Charlton 1

SCOTT BROWN called for more energy and smarter play from Fleetwood after Miles Leaburn's goal denied them victory.

Callum Morton put Town ahead but Brown said: "We need to manipulate the ball better. We want to play with high energy at home, put teams under pressure, and we didn't do that."

Charlton assistant Simon Marshall said: "We want 90 minutes of quality."

Oxford Utd 1 MK Dons 2

LIAM MANNING was delighted with his side's performance after Matt Smith and Will Grigg fired MK Dons to victory. The two efforts meant John Mousinho's 89th-minute goal served only as a consolation for Oxford. "We've set a benchmark," said Manning. Opposite number Karl Robinson commented: "We know what people expect of us and it's hurting."

P Vale 2 Shrewsbury 1

DARRELL CLARKE urged Port Vale not to get carried away after Ellis Harrison's double delivered victory.

"We just have to keep the consistency," said Clarke, who saw Christian Saydee equalise for Shrewsbury in the first half.

"We don't get too high when we win and we don't get too low when we lose."

Shrewsbury boss Steve Cotterill added: "We needed to do better."

Forest G 1 Morecambe 2

DEREK ADAMS hailed an early boost to Morecambe's survival bid. Farrend Rawson headed a late winner for the Shrimps after Kieran Phillips cancelled out Connor Wickham's opener. Adams said: "This is a great day for the whole of Morecambe and we want to be in League One next season." Rovers boss Ian Burchall admitted defeat was "a bitter pill".

Accrington 1 Cheltenham 0

JOHN COLEMAN revealed Accrington's victory over Cheltenham came at a cost.

Sean McConville's strike after just 30 seconds was enough to secure all three points. "The only disappointment is the injury curse has struck again as we lost Harvey Rodgers, Tommy Leigh and Joe Pritchard during the game which is a worry," the Stanley boss said.

"It is nice though when you get the points your hard work deserves as we have felt we deserved something from the previous three games."

Cheltenham boss Wade Elliott added: "We have got to make sure we are at full tilt every minute of every game and we do the basics."

Bolton 1 Peterborough 0

IAN EVATT praised his Bolton side for showing persistence.

Dapo Afolayan, a 70th-minute substitute, scored with a deflected shot four minutes from time to seal a fourth successive win in all competitions for Wanderers.

Boss Evatt said: "I am delighted. The players thoroughly deserved that win. It felt like a proper game between two good teams."

"We saw glimpses of the football we can play and also we stood up to some physical tactics at times."

Peterborough manager Grant McCann said: "It's been a topsy-turvy start to the season for us."

"It's about how we get out of this and how we turn it around."

Derby 2 Wycombe 1

LIAM ROSENIOR revealed how his "stay calm" message was rewarded. Wycombe led until the 72nd-minute thanks to Anis Mehmeti's goal, but Derby's pressure told with a Conor Hourihane double sealing victory.

Rosenior said: "I was really calm on the side because I felt it would come and I told the players to stay calm, don't go off the plan, it will work for us."

"What made me happy was the character and resilience of the group and the quality of the football we played. I see a group that trusts the process we are working to."

Wycombe manager Gareth Ainsworth said: "It was really good learning for my boys."

Exeter 0 Burton 2

DINO MAAMRIA knows Burton have further improvements to make.

Albion secured their first win of the season courtesy of goals from Deji Oshilaja and Davis Keillor-Dunn.

Maamria said: "The clean sheet was massive for us, something we have been talking about. Our defenders put in a lot of blocks and defended the box well."

"This will help us going forward, there are going to be ups and downs. We have not cracked it, it is just one win and we are still bottom of the league. There is still a lot of work to do."

Exeter manager Matt Taylor said: "We are obviously disappointed to lose the game."